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Newry voters debate wisdom of fire department

Newry Town Meeting voted Monday evening to continue developing the town's fire department and to pay for professional help in developing a zoning plan for the town. In order to forestall a tax hike due to an anticipated one-time increase of more than \$150,000 in the town's school assessment, voters decided to dip into the town's various surplus accounts to offset the assessment.

Voters agreed to raise \$58,000 for building and equipping a fire station on the Sunday River side of town. However, the vote followed considerable debate over whether the town should have called a special town meeting before spending funds that had been raised for the department in the two years previous.

A number of residents said they had agreed to raise the earlier money only on the condition a town meeting be held before the town finally committed itself to building the department. (The town has already used part of that money to construct a fire station next to the town hall, on the Bear River side of town.)

Hi Berry said: "I just feel we never sat down as a town and decided we wanted a fire department—we never had a chance to vote on it."

A motion to raise no additional money this year was defeated, but only narrowly. A subsequent motion to raise the \$58,000 called for in the warrant passed easily, but only after it was amended to stipulate that a special town meeting be called before the money was spent.

Fire Chief Virgil Konkright expressed his support for the amendment.

With virtually no opposition, voters

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West Paris approves subdivision ordinance with little discussion; Heikkinen back on board

West Paris voters have traditionally resisted most forms of growth control regulations, including even a building code. But last night (Tuesday), annual Town Meeting took only 10 minutes to approve a comprehensive subdivision ordinance.

The ordinance represents a year's worth of work by a diverse citizens committee, work which even opponents of the plan praised. The 70 or so voters who turned out for Town Meeting passed it overwhelmingly, with only a half-dozen votes in opposition.

Not everyone approved. "Too much gobbledygook," said Dick Baker, who also objected to the lack of provision for affordable housing.

And immediately after passing the new ordinance, voters opted, nearly unanimously, to amend it. The amendments exempt lots over 40 acres from subdivision review and also exempt private roads from the road standards set out in the ordinance.

The amendments, which resulted from a recent public hearing on the proposed ordinance, also passed in less than 10 minutes.

In all—and in another departure from West Paris tradition—voters needed only two hours and 40 minutes to dispose of the 54-article warrant. All the articles were approved, most with little or no discussion, and 10 unanimously.

Moderator Vernon Inman humorously noted the change. After voters had quickly approved \$45,000 for the operation of the current transfer station and another \$10,000 to go toward setting up a new one, the moderator lamented the passing of "the good old days, when we'd argue hammer and tongs for hours over spending \$600 for the dump and \$300 for rat control."

Immediately prior to adopting the subdivision ordinance, voters approved accepting a road in a subdivision developed by Lloyd Poland.

The road in question is 40 feet in width—meeting the requirements in effect when it was constructed, but not the new ordinance's standards for a road that is to be taken over by the town.

A motion to take up the subdivision ordinance before accepting the road failed, and the road was accepted before the town changed the standards.

In balloting for town officers, former selectman Hugo Heikkinen, who had served as a selectman for nearly 30 years, was again elected to a three-year term on the board. He defeated Jim Andrews and Fred Swasey, another former selectman, by a vote of 39-31-5. He replaces Duane Abbott, who did not seek re-election.

All other incumbent town officers were returned to office without opposition. Even with all the articles on the warrant approved by voters, the amount West Paris will have to raise by taxation for town expenses in 1989 (\$202,289) is still slightly less than was raised last year.

Increases are expected in the town's assessment for the county and SAD #17 budgets, but Selectman Howard Gurney said these should be offset by new property on the tax rolls, allowing the tax rate to stay at its present level of \$16.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.



ANDOVER TOWN MEETING drew only about 50 participants last Saturday. (Only 41 voted in the municipal election held the same day.) Including an hour lunch break, it took the group three hours and 15 minutes to dispose of the 35 articles on the warrant. Andover was the first of the local towns to have its meeting. Newry voters held their annual session Monday night, and West Paris Town Meeting was Tuesday night.

Andover voters tap surplus \$\$ to spend on roads

Only about 50 Andover residents comprised Town Meeting last Saturday. They kept their coats on in the chilly upstairs of the Town Hall. However, after three hours and 15 minutes of debate, interrupted by numerous instances of confusion over parliamentary procedure, plus an hour break for lunch, the hall had warmed up considerably.

When the meeting adjourned, at 2:15 p.m., it seemed clear that voters were willing to spend big money on roads, but were quite tight-fisted regarding most other big-ticket items.

Possibly one reason voters were willing to commit \$230,500 to public works—all but \$19,500 of which is for road work—was that Treasurer Alex Legault assured them that taxes would not increase even if all the money articles on the warrant was approved.

When the voting was over, Town Meeting had approved \$416,497 in expenditures for 1989. This compares with \$249,735 for 1988.

Mr. Legault pointed out that there will be additional revenues on the income side of the budget this year. These include \$100,000 from surplus (leaving \$30,000 in that account), \$70,000 in excise taxes (compared to \$40,000 last year), plus \$55,000 in state revenue sharing, and \$40,000 in a state block grant.

The other reason the treasurer was confident local taxes would not increase was that the town's portion of the school district assessment was expected to decrease, because of the town's loss of property valuation.

The proceedings opened with Fred Emerson being elected moderator, but things immediately bogged down on Article 3, when differences of opinion surfaced on how much each selectman should be paid. Some favored cutting the proposed figure of \$5,250 because veteran Laura Hutchins would be leaving the board. A freshman selectman normally receives less than a veteran.

But former-selectwoman Jane Rich was the candidate to replace Mrs. Hutchins and there was some sentiment that since she was experienced, she should receive the same pay as Mrs. Hutchins had received—\$2,000, rather than the \$1,500 for a freshman.

There was also some sentiment that all selectmen should receive the same pay, while some voters favored keeping the three pay grades (for one, two and three years' experience) but raising the minimum.

After some discussion on whether the voters could or could not change the amount stated in the body of the article, Town Meeting finally decided to accept the proposed figure and allow the selectmen to decide on their own portions of that figure.

The voters also authorized a secretary for the selectmen, and a contracted property assessor.

The next hot issue voters had to decide was whether to set aside \$10,000 or \$30,000 in the New Fire Truck Account. There

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Developer gets applause after shopping center hearing

It might have been Bethel Town Meeting, judging from the number of Bethel residents who showed up in the Telstar lecture hall last Wednesday night. There were over 100.

But local town meetings rarely generate that much interest. In fact, what had brought out the concerned and the curious was the public hearing on the proposed shopping center—Bethel Crossing—to be located at Cross Street and Rte. 2. If approved by the Planning Board and the state Department of Environmental Protection, it would be the town's first shopping center. That is, if it's built.

G'wood Town Meeting faces budget increases and hot selectman's race

A 61-article warrant and a heated selectman's race await Greenwood voters taking part in annual Town Meeting Saturday.

The town budget included in the warrant totals \$403,905, up \$140,995 from last year's budget. With \$95,000 offset by block grants and excise tax, \$318,905 remains to be raised by taxation—an increase of \$55,995 (21 percent) from last year.

An article asking voters to set aside \$20,000 toward construction of a sand and salt shed accounts for the largest single chunk of the overall increase. The shed, which the state Department of Environmental Protection requires the town to build, will cost an estimated \$60,000, with the remaining \$40,000 to be spread over the next two years.

Removing underground tanks from the town garage and fire station will cost another \$10,000, and the town's insurance costs are also set to rise by that amount.

The solid waste budget is up \$5,000 and the town's dump budget by \$5,000.

To help offset the costs of operating the dump, the selectmen are asking voters for the authority to charge \$5 for each heavy waste good deposited there, and \$2 or \$5 (depending on size) for each tire left there.

Voters will also be asked to allocate \$2,000 toward expenses associated with Greenwood's recently acquired town beach, on South Pond.

The major non-budget article on the warrant asks voters to amend the town subdivision ordinance to simplify the definition of a subdivision and include all lots of 200 acres or less.

The election of town officers is likely to be one of the livelier parts of this year's meeting. Highway Commissioner Raymond Seames has announced that he will not be running for re-election to that position, but will challenge incumbent Herbert Dunham for the three-year term open on the Board of Selectmen.

The two men have clashed in the past over highway department matters and other town business.

Mr. Dunham, a 19-year veteran of the

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Directors OK school budget; assessment to towns up 14%

The SAD #44 Board of Directors has approved a fiscal year 1990 budget of \$5,540,440—up 9.9 percent from the budget for the current school year. The directors also approved an Adult Education budget of \$104,860—up 15.3 percent.

The directors have set April 27 as the date for the annual district budget meeting, at which voters will be asked to approve the school budget.

The local assessment required to fund the budget is \$2,417,164—up 13.8 from the current fiscal year assessment—up 14.1 percent, with Adult Ed costs included. Due to changes in the state's real estate valuation figures for the different SAD #44 towns, each town's portion of the assessment will vary from the current year's portion. For example, Andover (which has lost property valuation) will have its assessment decline by 21 percent. On the other hand, Newry's assessment will increase by a whopping 70 percent. (Newry's assessment also went up 47 percent last year.)

The total assessments—general fund

and adult education—required from each SAD #44 town, along with the amount and percentage of increase (or decrease) are as follows: Andover—\$360,399 (down \$86,630 or 21 percent); Bethel—\$769,867 (up \$95,184 or 14 percent); Greenwood—\$345,896 (up \$43,469 or 14 percent); Newry—\$562,716 (up \$320,851 or 70 percent); and Woodstock—\$378,286 (up \$25,455 or 7 percent).

The new budget includes funding for a second guidance counselor at Telstar Regional High School, a teaching principal at the Ethel Biebee School and more hours for the school nurse—40 hours a week, up from 25.

In addition, the salaries of administrators in the district have grown by an average of 8 percent, while teacher salaries went up approximately 10 percent.

Increases in basic operating costs, such as insurance, telephone and electricity, also contributed to the overall increase, according to Superintendent DeWaine Craig.

SAD #44 Assessments to District Towns					
Year	Andover	Bethel	Greenwood	Newry	Woodstock
FY '87	\$480,304	\$577,711	\$249,540	\$165,655	\$295,825
% of total	27.1%	32.6%	14.1%	9.4%	16.8%
FY '88	\$477,011	\$602,925	\$262,900	\$225,182	\$309,500
% of total	25.4%	32.1%	14.0%	12.0%	16.4%
FY '89	\$457,023	\$673,583	\$302,427	\$331,885	\$352,831
% of total	21.5%	31.9%	14.3%	15.7%	16.6%
FY '90	\$360,399	\$769,867	\$345,896	\$562,716	\$378,286
% of total	14.9%	31.9%	14.3%	23.3%	15.7%
% increase over last year	(21%)	14%	14%	70%	7%

Note: The assessment to the towns this year shows an increase of 14.1 percent over last year. Since FY '87, the assessment to the towns has increased 36.5 percent.

3 R's elude 8th-graders

Eighth-graders at Telstar Middle School fared poorly in this year's Maine Educational Assessment testing.

The 8th-graders scored below the state average in all six of the test's content areas, and their worst scores were in the fundamental areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Each year nearly all of the state's 4th-, 8th- and 11th-graders take the MEA tests. A state average score is calculated from their results, and the scores for each school (and district) are reported on a scale from 100-400.

In the three most basic areas of the test, the scores for this year's class of 8th-graders at Telstar Middle School averaged 100 points below the state average.

These results were also far below those for 8th-graders in school districts with socioeconomic characteristics similar to those of SAD #44. In fact, only in School District #1 did the Telstar scores fall within the band calculated for similar school districts.

Telstar Middle School Principal Bruce Bell reported on the scores at last week's meeting of the SAD #44 Board of Directors. He noted that the average scores of Telstar 8th-graders taking the test over the past three years were consistent with scores for students from similar districts. He added that this year's 8th-graders, based on their performance on other standardized tests, had not been expected to do as well in the MEA testing as the two classes that preceded them.

The class has a lower level of parental education than most in SAD #44 and a higher percentage of handicapped students. Sixteen percent of the Telstar pupils taking the test were classified as handicapped, as compared to only 6 percent of the 8th-graders taking the test statewide.

Nonetheless, the extremely low scores were a matter of great concern, Mr. Bell said. The fact that a relatively large number of pupils did so poorly on the test forebodes a high dropout rate, he said, and it is likely that the 15 to 20 students with the lowest scores would not be in school when the class is tested again in the 11th Grade.

"If you drop 15 kids out, the scores are fine," he said, "but I still care about those 15 kids." He was not optimistic, however, about the prospects for reaching these children, especially at this late stage in their education.

The performance of these 15-or-so students "knocked the scores right down to the ground," Mr. Bell said. However, an analysis of the subgroup results for the test indicates that there are also problems among the pupils who could be expected to perform very well on the test. Asked to indicate the level of their parents' education, 30 percent of the

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Humble Apologies

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Opinions

MMA against 'right to know'

The Maine Municipal Association (MMA) wishes to have the Legislature change the right-to-know law so that the names of the candidates for municipal office can be kept confidential. The Maine Supreme Court upheld the right of the *Bangor Daily News* to have access to the names of nominees proposed for chief of the Bangor police department.

Terry St. Peter, president of MMA and city manager of Caribou, says he did not "want his name bandied about publicly" when he was applying for other jobs. He said it was important to "be able to get the best people to fill municipal jobs to serve the public and not to publicize the hiring process."

He believes publicity is inconsistent with the purpose of municipal reform that started in the earliest years of this century "to take politics out of municipal government." He says he supports the notion of the press being a watchdog on government, but thinks the role will have the opposite effect in terms of selecting job candidates.

He deplores the fact that "it will not be just the press watching closely, so will the public."

His candid admission that the object of the MMA's drive is to keep the public from watching local governments while job vacancies are being filled—not only to keep the press out—is revealing. Let us hope the public at which the amendment is aimed is listening. If it is listening it will rise up against this effort to keep the candidate selection process secret from the people.

The Maine Legislature emphatically asserted that the people have a right-to-know about their own government when it passed the freedom of information law a generation ago. There is no evidence that city government, as a result of that law, has deteriorated. There is no indication that Maine citizens know too much about their city governments. The law has not resulted in any lack of candidates for public office. It has not resulted in any difficulty in recruiting for public office. No one has ever pointed to a competent applicant who has been discouraged from seeking a position in government because citizens have the means of finding the names of candidates.

The object of reforms in municipal government was not to take "politics" out of government, but to take corrupt politics out of government. It has been correctly pointed out that "everything secret degenerates." Secrecy is the very handmaiden of corruption. It was the veil of secrecy over the filling of vacancies that used to result in the operation of nepotism and favoritism. Citizens could not have an informed opinion as to whether a city council had chosen the best available nominees for a job unless they knew the council's options. Knowing only the name of the winner is like the one-party, one-nominee election candidacies in the Soviet Union. That method is coming into disrepute even there.

St. Peter says that qualified candidates rejected by the council can go public or sue in court. What a flawed remedy that is, after the fact! He cannot point to a single instance in which such a suit has succeeded.

In any case, it is not solicitude for unsuccessful nominees that is behind the policy of open government, it is the welfare of the community that the nominee is to serve.

This country has seen cities in which corrupt city governments named police chiefs who were in league with organized crime and participated in illegal acts. One such cozy corrupt liaison was broken up by the Department of Justice through the efforts of Attorney General Homer S. Cummings.

Filling a vacancy in public office is an important, if not the most important, function of elected officials. It is not a function safely entrusted to a cliche of insiders or a secret bunch of bureaucrats.

Maine's right-to-know law must be protected against an assault that, however well intentioned, would open the door to misgovernment. It is not enough to disclose the nominee for a public post after the action has been taken; citizens need to know who the candidates are before a selection is made if they are to contribute to the action or have any basis on which to judge the wisdom of the elected officers making the appointment.

Russell Wiggins, Ellsworth American

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Thank-you to all of the following for the great things they planned for during February vacation week: Chamber of Commerce (for financial support), FUNN Committee (for getting it off the ground and seeing it through), Sunday River Ski Area, Mt. Abram Ski Area, Bethel Inn Skiing, Boy Scout Troop 985, Backstage Restaurant, Only Place Restaurant, Bethel Recreation Committee (for their season-long work on the immensely popular skating rink).

Our group finds this kind of emphasis particularly timely and helpful, as we have been working hard to develop the school-wide C.A.T. program. We are hoping Creative Activities to TV will heighten families' awareness of the quality and quantity of television that is affecting children and will also present many alternative, healthy activities to sitting in front of "the tube."

We are grateful to have your creative efforts in support as we all try to provide enriching, fun activities for the children of our communities. Many thanks for your commitment of ideas, time, energy, and hard work, on behalf of our kids.

Nancy Davis

Ethel Bisbee/Crescent Park

Parent Advisory Council

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, March 15, Ralph S. Hall, Bethel's oldest resident and holder of the town's Boston Post came, will observe his 97th birthday. I would like to urge readers of *The Citizen* to honor Mr. Hall on this important milestone by sending him birthday cards and notes of congratulation, at Box 417, Bethel 04217.

Mr. Hall is also the Bethel Historical Society's oldest living member and his wife Marion is currently the second-oldest member. Mr. Hall has also served the Bethel Fire Department well during his retirement years. In addition, he has donated countless items to the Bethel Historical Society. He has presented programs at Society meetings, assisted with special projects and helped wherever possible. He enjoys the distinction of being not only a charter and life member of the Society but an honorary one as well. It was Mr. Hall who presided at the Society's first meeting in May 1966.

Those of us who are fortunate to know Mr. Hall enjoy his keen sense of humor, his thoughtfulness and generosity, his love of Bethel and his many kindnesses. Let's make March 15 a memorable day in Bethel's history.

Stanley R. Howe, Director

Bethel Historical Society

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Letters

To the Editor:

On Thursday, Feb. 23, Stephens Memorial Hospital was featured during the 6 p.m. evening news on Channel 6. Diane Atwood, health reporter for WCHS-TV, reported on the financial problems of the hospital caused by state regulation.

Excessive controls imposed by the Maine Health Care Finance Commission have resulted in increasing deficits that have not reached unacceptable levels. Emergency legislation has been introduced in the current session [of the Legislature] in Augusta and, if passed, will help to correct the situation.

The reporter closed with this comment:

"After 22 years in the health care business, Stephens Memorial isn't about to give up easily, but if the emergency bill isn't passed this session, administrators say the hospital may be pushed so far into a corner it has nowhere else to go but out of business." This statement has, understandably, shaken many people.

First, everyone should be reassured that SMH has no intention of closing its doors, now or in the future. Trustees and staff are confident that relief from excessive regulations will be forthcoming. Yes, there is a problem; and yes, the hospital needs everyone's help to solve it; but it is not insurmountable.

Second, the financial problems facing SMH are not of its own doing. The hospital continues to be one of Maine's lowest cost and most efficient. It is a "paper" issue; that is, rules and regulations that have hindered rather than helped.

It should also be made clear that the hospital did not get into financial difficulties by buying property. The Market Square Nursing Home, for instance, was purchased by Western Maine Health Care Corporation and no hospital or patient monies were used.

The resolution of the problem now lies in the hands of the Legislature. Those interested in helping are urged to write or call their local legislators or to contact the Community Relations Department at Stephens Memorial Hospital, 80 Main St., Norway 0426, or 743-9393.

Alvin Barth

Director, Community Relations

Stephens Memorial Hospital

To the Editor:

Bethel, Maine—even the name is magical to me. I was raised in the midwest, but always knew that there was somewhere in the world that was just right for me. The very places and traveled all over the world before I followed a friend to Bethel, Maine.

The village, settled in the mountains the way it is, is a safe haven from a world too fast-paced, commercial and lonely.

I have been sitting here for 30 minutes trying to describe the way this town has gotten into my heart and soul, but I just can't find the right words. It is unique. That is something that can be lost forever by adding elements that have no place there. I am referring, of course, to the planned development of a mall.

When I read about the proposal, I felt truly sick at heart. Others have already written letters to the editor about the likely negative economic and environmental impact this mall would have. I could not say it better. But other writers have tried to equate this mall with the natural changes that a small town sees over the years. They are sadly, perhaps even tragically, mistaken.

Businesses come and go in a small town, but the spirit and heart of the town does not change. But when outside concerns seek to change the very nature of a town, it is time to take a stand and say, No.

The people of Bethel are the ones who will lose something that is very precious. And once the heart of Bethel is changed, it will be changed forever. It will be too late for second chances. There will be only regrets.

Although I had to move away from Bethel several years ago, I always call it my home. The memories I have of Bethel are my most cherished, and a part of me is there still—it will always be so. Don't let it slip away from you. Like the song says, "You don't know what you got till it's gone."

Jana Abner

Hampton, Va.

To the Editor:

I wish to announce my candidacy for the position of selectman of Greenwood.

For more than 20 years, I have served the town in various community and municipal positions. They include road commissioner, constable, planning board, board of appeals, school board, and fire department.

Within the community I have worked with Bethel Rescue and Tri-Town Rescue, coached farm team baseball, been a leader in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, and served in our community credit union until its merger with NOPAR. These positions have provided a good background for dealing with the problems faced by the town today and in the years to come.

In private business I worked in wood-turning mills as a laborer, in cost accounting, estimating, and payroll, and as a supervisor. For the six years preceding my election as road commissioner, I owned and operated my own business.

Specific concerns within the town that I would like to address are: 1) requiring the state to fund the town and school programs they mandate; 2) establishing administrative guidelines to make sure that our tax rates are not excessive and that all property valuations are reviewed on a regular basis; 3) setting the town books up on computer to cut down on bookkeeping hours; 4) requiring that town records be stored at the town office and that they be accessible to the public; 5) use of the bid process more often when negotiating contracts; 6) review of our insurance

To the Editor:

As a municipal officer I handled a great deal of the complaints about valuation increases in Woodstock. While it may appear that the natives, so-called, are accused of [complaining] the loudest about taxes, Woodstock is the exception to the rule. The natives who appeared at the town office, were concerned about the formula used by the state which drives values beyond common sense. These values are based on out-of-state economies.

On the otherhand, the transplants, so-called (if one of them), requested the town office to complain about high taxes and no services, education far inferior to that "back home," poor roads, and even lack of convenient shopping in the area. They threatened to work towards implementing (a tax cap such as) Proposition 2½, tax revolts, lawsuits against the assessors and various methods which really do not solve the problems.

Since education, or lack of it, is the largest piece of the tax dollar pie, the confrontations usually ended up in that category. The statement on the tax bill about "without state aid for education and state revenue sharing, your tax bill would have been 48% higher" simply added to the problem.

Finally, the governor, commissioner of education, and the state Board of Education are addressing some of the problems at better than a snail's pace. Perhaps relief of some sort is in sight.

If a larger percentage of the funding came through the state coffers, lawmakers may take a good look at how social services programs are taking over our school system. It is unfortunate that these programs, even at a college level, are driving reading, writing and arithmetic to the sacrificial altar. We fund enough social services programs outside of the district, some of which reduce the incentive to be self-supporting, and it appears that they will never work as intended.

I have developed a very negative attitude about education in this district. I am not alone. I sincerely believe that the area is and has been caught up in bad attitudes for several years, maybe since the birth of the consolidated school system. This is a round robin situation, which is being intensified with tax increases. The attitude problem rotates freely between administrators, teachers, school directors, taxpayers, parents and students. Let ye who is without sin cast the first stone.

If all the energy that is being exerted to perpetuate the negative attitudes were girdled up and funneled into an attempt to be positive about quality education, we would all be better off. A concerted effort is imperative. I sincerely believe that the district must take the initiative and support this movement. Money cannot buy good attitude just like it cannot buy respect.

George Hooper

Bryant Pond

To the Editor:

It is with dismay that I see the continuing effort to take away our property rights in the guise of environmental or growth regulation laws. I believe most of these laws are unrealistic and defeat the very purpose(s) they supposedly address.

In my town (Greenwood), at present if a land owner sold two households in any five-year period since 1971, he cannot sell another unless he sells at least 40 acres, unless he goes to the prohibitive expense of hiring surveyors/engineers to map land contours, etc., and contractors to build roads that meet unrealistically high standards.

I don't know what Title 30, M.R.S.A., Section 4956 says, but I assume it is at least as restrictive as the ordinance being repealed, but they also want to raise the 40-acre exemption to 200 acres. The 40-acre exemption is too high, but 200 acres is ridiculous. There ought to be at least a variance procedure so a landowner could sell an occasional (not pre-planned) lot in excess of two in five years.

High taxes are now forcing the sale of land, but these laws will further land sales to developers, but no to the kid down street who needs an affordable house. Imagine a person who has sold two lots but finds himself short of money. He probably would not have the means to finance a subdivision himself, so he is forced to sell (at below potential market value) at least 40 acres (in all likelihood) to a developer. If the new Greenwood proposal becomes law, he could not sell a portion of his remaining land unless he has more than 200 acres to sell.

Only a developer can commonly afford to meet the standards set for subdivisions, and only the very well-to-do can afford to buy one of their lots. Every time a restriction is put on land, costs go up. There are few things more basic (if I can use such a term) to our constitutional rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness than the right to freely own, buy and/or sell land.

Restrictive laws are merely efforts to stop our American free enterprise system by distorting the old law of supply and demand. The idea seems to be to put so many costly restrictions on development and/or land sales that demand will slow down or cease—but before that happens your children will be priced right out of the house. I know from experience, it is useless to oppose such laws, but citizens of this state had better think twice before they allow further restrictions upon property rights.

Bernard Brooks

Bryant Pond

polices; 7) a long-term road plan developed by a committee to cut down on costly crisis management; and 8) constant attention to our solid waste program.

If elected, I will be responsive to Greenwood taxpayers' needs and concerns.

Raymond W. Seames

Greenwood

Shopping center

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On the other hand, Lynn Hutchins said, "I like the idea of being away from Main Street because of the problem with parking."

The shopping center would have parking spaces for 250 cars, Mr. Reiche said, and—if the market study is correct—most of those spaces would be used during peak periods.

The predicted peak period would be from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., according to the market study. During this hour, the shopping center would have 200 cars come in and 200 cars leave. The morning peak, on the other hand, would have just 80 cars in and 80 cars out during an hour.

AnnMarie Peck, of the Gem Shop—2½ next door to the proposed shopping center—said this increase in traffic would be a terrible thing for her store. "Right now, at peak hours, we cannot leave the gem shop. The shopping center will make it worse."

Mr. Reiche said the increase of traffic on Rte. 2 might not be that great. If most of the cars came in on the Cross Street side, they could also be expected to leave that way. Nevertheless, he conceded, the shopping center would add to the traffic woes at the intersection.

A traffic study done for the project—and reviewed by a traffic consultant hired by the Town (at the developer's expense)—concluded that many of the traffic problems could be eliminated by adding a left-turn lane on Rte. 2 eastbound, by adding a right-turn lane at Rte. 26 and Cross Street, and by adding a left-turn lane at Cross Street and Rte. 26. A suggestion for a traffic light at that intersection was deemed unnecessary by the Town's consultant.

Mr. Reiche said the basic problem on Cross Street—a local street funneling traffic to and from a federal highway, with little sight distance from the intersection with that highway—would have to be solved by the Town or the State. "Cross Street is a problem for the community; it's a problem for us," he said. (There have been suggestions to make the street one way, to direct skidway traffic to Railroad Street and the rotary, and even to make Cross Street a dead end.)

Many of the comments addressed to Mr. Reiche questioned the need for the new enterprises that would locate in the shopping center. The prospective enterprises, according to the spokesman for General Properties (the development firm), would include a 12,000-square-foot supermarket, and could include a drug store, a bank, an entertainment establishment (such as a bowling alley or movie theater), a dry goods store, a book store, an electronics store, a sporting goods or clothing store, and one or two restaurants.

Joe Gaidis, owner of Martha's Restaurant, pointed out that most of the proposed establishments would compete with existing restaurants and stores. "Everybody's profits are down this year," he said, and wondered how similar businesses would hope to make money without further hurting those already in business.

Mr. Reiche said market forces would dictate what sort of businesses would seek to locate in the shopping center. "If someone is going to rent from us, they have to believe there's demand that's not being met," he said.

Local resident and history buff Fred McMillin noted that the town used to have seven groceries, and they all did business. He said he thought the town could certainly support two. As for drug stores, he said there hasn't been competition in that field since 1916. "It's about time there was," he said. These remarks were followed by laughter and applause.

There was also a round of applause for Mr. Reiche for his presentation, which—along with questions, answers, and statements both for and against—lasted two hours.

Towards the end of the session, Planning Board Chairman Reggie Brown, who conducted the public hearing, reported he had received a petition with 40 signatures in support of a new grocery at the proposed shopping center.

After the hearing, Lauretta Varo, co-owner of The Only Place, said she had a petition with about 150 signatures opposed to the new shopping center. (During the hearing she had commented that value) at least 40 acres (in all likelihood) to a developer. If the new Greenwood proposal becomes law, he could not sell a portion of his remaining land unless he has more than 200 acres to sell.

Only a developer can commonly afford to meet the standards set for subdivisions, and only the very well-to-do can afford to buy one of their lots. Every time a restriction is put on land, costs go up. There are few things more basic (if I can use such a term) to our constitutional rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness than the right to freely own, buy and/or sell land.

Restrictive laws are merely efforts to stop our American free enterprise system by distorting the old law of supply and demand. The idea seems to be to put so many costly restrictions on development and/or land sales that demand will slow down or cease—but before that happens your children will be priced right out of the house. I know from experience, it is useless to oppose such laws, but citizens of this state had better think twice before they allow further restrictions upon property rights.

Bernard Brooks

Bryant Pond

polices; 7) a long-term road plan developed by a committee to cut down on costly crisis management; and 8) constant attention to our solid waste program.

If elected, I will be responsive to Greenwood taxpayers' needs and concerns.

Raymond W. Seames

Greenwood

Test results

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Telstar 8th-graders indicated that their parents were not high school graduates, or responded "I don't know." As a group these students averaged 46 points below Maine students from similar backgrounds, actually bottoming out at a score of 100 in every content area except Humanities.

But the overall 8th-grade scores were depressed to an even greater degree by the relatively weak performance of the best students.

Twenty-four percent of the Telstar students indicated that their parents were college graduates. As would be expected, this was the top performing group among the local students, but this top group still lagged an average of 92 points behind similar students statewide. In the content areas of Writing and Science this group failed to reach even the average level of all Maine 8th-graders.

The comparatively poor performance of the class' best students repeats a pattern that was also evident in both the 8th- and 11th-grade MEA tests last year.

8th Grade Test Scores			
Reading			
Telstar	'86-'87	'87-'88	'88-'89
	235	250	170
State Avg.	260	250	255
Writing			
Telstar	'86-'87	'87-'88	'88-'89
	215	265	135
State Avg.	250	250	250
Mathematics			
Telstar	'86-'87	'87-'88	'88-'89
	320	290	165
State Avg.	280	280	285
Science			
Telstar	'86-'87	'87-'88	'88-'89
	220	220	125
State Avg.	250	250	255
Social Studies			
Telstar	'86-'87	'87-'88	'88-'89
	245	200	210
State Avg.	255	245	245
Humanities			
Telstar	'86-'87	'87-'88	'88-'89
	340	235	125
State Avg.	275	260	260

[Fourth graders are not asked about their parents' level of education.]

The subgroup analysis also reveals another curious pattern in the SAD #44 results. At the state level, gender has only a minor effect on the overall scores. Girls tend to do better in some subjects, boys in others, with the girls coming out a bit ahead overall—perhaps, Superintendent Dwayne Craig speculates, because they take the tests more seriously.

In SAD #44, however, girls have been significantly outperforming boys of late.

At all three levels of MEA testing last year, SAD #44 boys scored well below boys statewide. This pattern was repeated in this year's 8th-grade tests, in which the Telstar boys lagged an average of 100 points behind boys statewide. Their weakest performance was in the basics, where they scored only 106 in Reading and Writing, and 120 in Mathematics.

District girls have been doing much better. In last year's tests they consistently outperformed girls statewide. This year's Telstar 8th-graders couldn't quite match that standard, but they did average only 29 points behind girls statewide—a much stronger showing, than their male classmates.

Superintendent Craig could offer no explanation for the disparity.

MEA tests for the three grades are conducted at different times during the school year. Results for the 4th- and 11th-grades will be available later in the year.

labor situation worse and would add to traffic problems.) She said she would present it to the Planning Board during their deliberations on whether to grant a permit for the project.

The board would normally have 30 days to decide the matter following the public hearing, but in this instance the time frame was waived—by consent of the board and the applicant. Nevertheless, Chairman Brown expects the decision to be made in a timely fashion since the application is complete and the public hearing seemed to answer most of the remaining questions.

In fact, the state rules for school funding and representation are more similar to the Marxist-Leninist tenet of taking from those with ability and giving to those of need. This philosophy is the basis for the local property tax funding public education and results in the loss of property and individual rights, just as we are seeing on the school board today.

Public education in the United States has the terribly difficult task of providing everyone with an education good enough, to allow us to compete effectively with the rest of the world. My personal experience in Asia, with the U.S. Army, and recent international events lead me to believe that educationally we, as a nation, are slipping behind, and unless we make some fundamental changes we will continue to lose ground. The fault for this is not the teachers or the administrators; it lies with the established system which discourages free choice.

The bottom line is the quality of the education that our children receive. Every town should be allowed to make those decisions it considers appropriate to provide the best education for its people. The present Maine SAD system is rule of the masses. Newry, like other towns in our state, has the ability and the desire to seek out alternative educational solutions but is prevented from doing so by the present socialist school laws.

It is time to rock the boat.

Jim Sysko

Newry

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was already \$10,000 carried forward in the account, and the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee had recommended another \$10,000 be put in the account this year.

Fire Chief Ken Dixon—after much to-ing and fro-ing by the moderator on parliamentary procedure—was able to propose an amendment to the article and ask for \$30,000. The money would be used for a new tanker, which he estimated would cost around \$30,000. The chief said it might also be possible to pay for a 1,000-gallon tank to be placed on an existing truck for a lot less money—around \$1,200.

Selectman Arthur Myshraal wondered if it would be legal to use money in the New Fire Truck Account for a used truck. Both the fire chief and the treasurer were of the belief that "new" referred to a new addition to the fleet, not necessarily a brand new piece of equipment.

Ed Witt preferred the new tank concept to the brand new truck concept. "I don't like it [the \$30,000 amendment] being sprung on us here. It should've been brought to the Budget Committee."

In the closest vote of the day, the amendment lost, 20-17. The voters then passed the original motion with no difficulty.

When it came to appropriations for the social service agencies, voters appropriated some monies that the town officials had not asked for. Town Meeting—after more confusion over parliamentary procedure—increased the amount to be given the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, and also appropriated money for Tri-County Family Planning.

The selectmen and Budget Committee members said they were not opposed to the expenditures; the reason they had not included them was that the agencies' requests had been received after the boards had already voted on social service expenditures.

With no other discussion, the amount to be given AVCOG was raised to \$1,245, from the \$986 that was in the article.

Tri-County Family Planning—which applied late for \$210—was voted that amount unanimously. Gerald Schachter told voters they should be aware of what they were voting for, or against. "The question here is pro-life or pro-choice," he said, "and Tri-County Family Planning is pro-choice." The vote was unanimous for the allocation.

A proposed appropriation of \$200 for David White's airport brought questions from the floor as to why taxpayers were supporting a private establishment. Selectwoman Hutchins said it was to help pay for maintenance on a field that was in general use by the public. She noted that Mr. White had extended the runway last year and that a twin-engine plane had landed there in September.

Voters agreed to transfer whatever monies the Town received from the State or snowmobile registrations to the Snow Valley Snowgoggles club. Last year the Town received \$594.

Voters readily approved \$6,200 to pay for completion of the new roof on the Town Hall plus other upkeep. But, on a close vote, they balked at committing \$30,000 for an 18x30-foot addition to the town office. The vote was 18-12 against the article.

Andover took a step onto the road of town planning when voters agreed to accept \$12,388 in state funds—and commit \$4,133 of town funds—to develop a Comprehensive Plan for the town. According to legislation passed last year, the town must have—by 1991—a state-approved Comprehensive Plan to guide future development. The selectmen will appoint a "Comprehensive Plan Committee to work on a draft document."

Despite some opposition, voters approved an article to install electronic door openers on all the overhead doors at the fire station, at a cost of \$2,068.

Voters appropriated \$30,000 to help pay for the closure of the town dump. Last year voters set aside \$15,000 in the dump discount fund so that the account now has \$45,000. The state Department of Environmental Protection had said the dump was to be closed two months ago, but it is still in operation while town officials look for alternatives.

While voters were willing to spend \$3,500 to have a recycler take approximately two trailer loads of tires from the dump, they were unwilling to impose a fee on tires brought to the dump.

Karen Robinson asked rhetorically, "Where will people with old tires put them? My guess is along the roadside."

Selectman Myshraal responded, "I agree you'll probably see tires alongside the road. I don't know what the answer is."

Mr. Legault doubted that someone going to the dump on Sunday would be able to find an official at the town office in order to get a permit to dump tires. "I don't see how it [the proposed tire fee] could reasonably work." Nor did anyone else. The article was unanimously defeated.

An article included at the request of the Maine Municipal Association was also defeated, on an 18-7 vote. The MMA had asked Town Meeting to approve a resolution endorsing "legislation and efforts to achieve comprehensive property tax reform."

However, MMA's article did not spell

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authorized the town to spend \$15,000 for help with the zoning plan.

Brooks Morton, of the zoning committee, described the zoning plan as an outgrowth of the growth moratorium defeated by voters last fall. The state would soon require such plans in any case, he said, and it was far better for the town to take the lead in developing a plan that meets its unique needs.

"If the citizens of Newry don't do it," he said, "the state will come up with a standard plan for us... Need I say more?"

Planning Board Chairman Jim Sysko said the town will probably be reimbursed by the state for \$12,000 of the cost of developing the plan.

He also said the plan will not be on the model of traditional zoning plans—which tend to encourage strip growth—but a performance-based plan. "If you want to build a gas station, you can build it anywhere in town you want," he said, "as long as you meet the performance standards."

No one argued against the article funding the zoning work, and it passed with only one or two voters opposed.

Faced with what town officials hope will be a one-time bulge in the town's assessment for SAD #44, voters approved tapping the town's various surplus accounts to offset the impact of that increase on town taxes.

The bulge, which amounts to over \$10,000, came about because the state's valuation of property in Newry rose much faster than valuations in neighboring SAD #44 towns. The valuations in the other towns are expected to catch up next year, First Selectman Steve Wright said, but until they do, Newry will pay a significantly higher proportion of the school district's budget.

To keep the resulting tax increase as small as possible, the selectmen recommended trimming the town's own budget wherever possible. Accordingly, voters raised no additional money for roads and bridges maintenance and raised only \$1,000 for snow removal. Both accounts will be funded for the year from surplus.

Voters also agreed to partially offset the increase by taking \$35,000 from surplus and \$10,000 from growth. But not everything could be cut. Faced with an uncertain solid waste disposal situation, voters agreed to raise \$40,000 for this account. Sig Sysko, chairman of the Solid Waste Committee, explained that the town was negotiating with solid waste haulers and with Norway-Paris Solid Waste Inc. He said he expected that by July 1—when the Bethel transfer station will be closed to household trash from Newry residents—the town will have arranged for door-to-door pickup, with the waste to be hauled to Norway.

Voters also agreed to pay the town's school district directors \$55 per meeting for all committee meetings they attend (other than regular board meetings), and they opted to double (from \$100 to \$200) the contribution specified on the warrant for Project Graduation.

Voters balked, however, at buying a \$5,000 snowmobile/groomer for the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club. After an exercise in parliamentary Dungeons and Dragons—during which the request turned up in different forms in two separate articles—voters finally killed it off for good by a 24-28 secret ballot vote.

In all, Town Meeting authorized the town to raise \$209,063 this year, up \$12,237

out what the legislation would look like. Moderator Emerson said of the lengthy article: "I tried to get a grain of salt out of it, and I couldn't... It's an empty bucket—they'll fill it later."

Greg Peaseley said, "If they wanted it put in here [in the warrant], why didn't they send someone to explain it?"

Town Clerk Kathy Williamson said MMA had put forward a number of concrete proposals, and these proposals had been reported in the Sunday newspapers. But the majority wanted more information. Mr. Legault termed the article "a lobbying move to pressure the Legislature."

When the meeting ended, voters had disposed of a total of 35 articles. While they took a lunch break, there was no community group serving lunch to the local legislators. This was the second year that no group had stepped forward to make lunch.

In the voting for town officials, which began at noon and continued until 6 p.m., only 41 residents showed up to cast ballots. Those who did vote mostly did not bother voting for all the positions listed on the ballot.

Fred Emerson, running unopposed for the three-year seat vacated by Arthur Myshraal on the Board of Selectmen, garnered 17 votes. There was one write-in vote for Ed Witt.

Jane Rich, unopposed to take over the third and final year of Selectwoman Laura Hutchins' term, received 21 votes. For Ms. Rich, this is a return trip to the board. She had been the town's first ever selectwoman.

Rex Thurston will again represent the town as one of three directors on the SAD #44 Board of Directors. He won reelection for a three-year term, with 17 votes. Newcomer Mary Richardson received two write-in votes.

School board agenda for next week's meeting

The next regular meeting of the SAD #44 Board of Directors will be held Monday evening, March 13, at the Andover Elementary School. The meeting will begin at 7:30.

The directors are scheduled to vote on second and final readings of the policy regarding foreign exchange students and of minor revisions to the board's by-laws on voting procedures.

The board will also take up a variety of personnel matters, including appointment of substitute and extra-curricular staff, requests for child care leave and staff resignations, and it will consider requests from the Bethel Rotary Club for transportation for the 1989 Spanish Youth Exchange and from the Oxford County Shrine Club for the transportation of 4th-graders to the Shrine Circus.

From last year, all incumbent town officials were re-elected Monday evening, except School Director Gail Sysko, who was not running. Allison Aloisio was elected, without opposition, to take her place on the board.

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said, that his major concern is fiscal responsibility. "I've been a selectman for 19 years," he told The Citizen.

"What more can I say?"

Mr. Seames has served as highway commissioner for six years and has been active in a number of community organizations. He told The Citizen that his major concerns for the future of the town include insuring adequate state funding for state-mandated programs, making town operations more businesslike, and setting up long-term management plans for the town's roads and solid waste program.

Planning Board member Wayne Hakala is seeking the highway commissioner position vacated by Mr. Seames. A retired Air Force veteran, Mr. Hakala has 20 years of civil engineering experience and at one point in his Air Force career served as structural superintendent for Bolling Air Force Base, in Washington, D.C.

School Board member Nancy Dewing has announced that she will not seek reelection. No one has yet stepped forward to seek that post.

School budget

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native sources of funding for both.

The district's budget process went smoothly this year, and at the conclusion of the final session Board Chairman Merton Brown thanked the administrative team for their efforts to bring the budget in under 10 percent. Referring to the final figures, he said, "Hopefully this is what you can live with and what the taxpayers can live with."


In 1988 taxpayers rejected the board's proposed budget, demanding and getting a \$400,000 reduction. Since then the school district budget has increased by 36.5 percent, and assessment increases have again crept upwards—from 5.96 percent in 1987, to 12.86 in 1988 and 14.13 this year. Nonetheless, there is little evidence—aside from the usual grumbling—that any such tax revolt is building for this year.

Board members, however, remain cautious. As the final budget meeting adjourned, Bethel Director John Brown suggested facetiously that the district

Greenwood Town Meeting will convene at 10 a.m. Saturday, in the Town Hall.

budget meeting be held in Andover: "They're the only ones who get a reduction... and hope that there's a snowstorm so no one else comes." But snowstorm or no storm, the fact is that since 1986 very few people, aside from school system employees and their families, have bothered to turn out for district budget meetings.

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BEDROOM SUITE, SOLID OAK, 5 PC. FROM CANADA		\$3500	\$1750
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BEDROOM SET, COUNTRY, 5 PC.		\$795	\$499
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VICTORIAN FURNITURE, "ALL HAND-CARVED"			35% OFF
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DINING ROOM SETS, 7 PC. SOLID OAK, OLD ENGLISH		\$1549	\$995
CHINA CABINETS, SOLID OAK, ANTIQUE REPRODUCTION			50% OFF
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LEATHER TOP DBL. PEDESTAL DESK, CHERRY		\$1800	\$499
DELUXE 5 PC. "ONYX" CONTEMP. BEDROOM		\$1995	\$895
5 PC. DELUXE "EBONY" CONTEMP. BD RM.		\$1500	\$799
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Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

Sunlight has an eloquence all its own. On this day, February 20, I caught it first playing on the trunk of a tree. On this day, too, there was a memorable episode yet to transpire.

It was a typical winter morning, crisp in the shadow, warm in the sun after a long night. Everything out-of-doors seemed to express stimulation.

I was waiting for a call to tell me everything was ready for an outing to a place where in years past, Ruth and I had tried three times to find, by walking through the woods. We had never succeeded. So when Milton and Eleanor Inman invited me to go with them on snowmobiles I was really excited.

I thought, "At last my dream is to come true. I am going to the Bluff on Patch Mountain."

We left Maplewood and crossed the pond, cupped in the hills, then followed a well-made trail to the Patch Mountain Road. Soon we arrived at the top where we passed homes, the graveyard, and the remains of houses where Greenwood's first settlers lived.

There were tracks of moose almost everywhere and we hoped to see one. We didn't.

I saw one place where a rabbit had been. The long parallel marks of his hind feet and the two little dots of his front feet placed one before the other. Here a rabbit that had spent the night huddled snugly beneath a canopy of blackberry vines had left this morning to hop out and cross our trail.

All the way into the Bluff there was the beauty of trees. First there were groves of birches where we found ourselves isolated in the immensity and the density of the forest. Their silent vigil was like a beacon leading the way. Silver trees like none other that I know. I grope for words to describe the indescribable.

Just beyond this was the grove of evergreens. An army of spruces and firs stood at stiff attention far on either side of our passage way. These told that winter is not all white and serene for evergreens bring us cheer. They are placed there to relieve the eyes.

At this point we reached the Bluff where I could look down onto Norway Lake, the villages, farms, and roads. I looked, I stared. I took pictures. Everything under the morning sun presented a most novel appearance. The master artist's hand had turned slopes and our valley into a wonderland.

Coming back from the Bluff we met a group of about ten machines going in. We kept on to cross Furlong Pond presumably named for one of the early Furlong settlers. Back in 1963 I had a letter from C. Wallington Furlong then Consultant to the Stefansson Collection at Dartmouth College Libraries. He wrote about the little schoolhouse there and the part his grandfather and father played in its building.

We then traveled on to Albany and then returned homeward by a different route. I congratulated myself that I had chosen an altogether different way to visit the woods and February had cooperated magnificently. This was a spot where clear skies formed a roof over the green and white-Nature's blending.

Mary Holt, Steep Falls, came on Wednesday to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Holt. Her father, David, brought her then came to take her home on Thursday afternoon.

A car went off the road near my house one evening this week. It wasn't speed that caused the accident just slippery driving.

"Nick" Strait was here from Freeport to visit his grandmother, Rena Curtis, for a few days. His mother Lillian came to take him home.

Each of these cactus plants, white, peach and golden, has bloomed twice this winter, but the Christmas one has just started to bud. It may be in bloom for Easter!

Rena Curtis' visitors were Walter Jr., Ray, Gloria Curtis of Norway; Albert Curtis, Buckfield.

Timmy Curtis visited a few days with his cousin, Fred, in Buckfield.

THIS WEEK AT THE Moses Mason House

Approximately 50 persons attended the March monthly meeting of the Bethel Historical Society in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House Thursday evening.

As 1989 marked the centenary of the founding of the Bethel Water Company the program for this meeting featured a history of the company since its chartering by the Maine Legislature on Feb. 15, 1889. Society Director Stanley R. Howe provided a brief history based on the company's records, newspaper accounts and recollections of those who have been connected with it. Dr. Howe traced the origins of the water company back to the 1870s and the 1880s when nationally there existed a keen sense of improvement, particularly in towns and cities. In Bethel, this emphasis was manifested by demands for street lights, sidewalks and the other "civilizing influences" that were deemed important at the time. The sanitary conditions at Bethel Hill were not particularly exemplary, for often wells and privies existed side by side.

There was much comment in the newspapers about these conditions as increasingly public pressure mounted to obtain a pure source of water. Scientific knowledge of the relationship between the presence of germs and disease had grown to the extent that unsatisfactory sanitary conditions were believed related to diseases such as typhoid.

Bethel's reputation as a setting with healthful mineral springs, such as the Anasquaticook House at Northwest Bethel, helped stimulate public interest in seeking a source of water for the village.

The founding of the Bethel Village Corporation on the same date as the chartering of the Bethel Water Company was significant as well. Its emphasis on municipal services, such as providing a fire department, sewers, sidewalks and police as well as improving the Common and Kimball Park coincided perfectly with the movement to obtain a common water supply.

Insurance rates for Bethel Hill houses were high and it was believed that a more adequate water supply would lower these costs. In addition, the railroad (Grand Trunk) was interested in establishing facilities in Bethel to fill its locomotives.

The original incorporators of the Company were William Skillings, Bethel businessman; Judge Addison E. Herrick, attorney; Enoch Foster, attorney (later a justice of the Maine Supreme Court); Samuel D. Philbrook, businessman; Enoch Woodbury, businessman; Gideon A. Hastings (owner of the Hastings Lumber Company in Batchelder's Grant); Gilman P. Bean, businessman; Ceylon Rowe, businessman. Meetings took place in the law office of Judge Herrick; there were seven stockholders originally with 35 shares each. The venture was financed by sale of stocks and by bonds backed by the Auburn Trust Company. Surveying for the project was done by Augustus M. Carter and work began in the spring of 1890.

A barracks was built near the Androscoggin River Covered Bridge to house the largely Italian immigrant workers who, using hand tools, dug the ditch from Chapman Brook to Bethel Hill, a distance of 1/4 mile. The pipe and water mains came on 18 railroad cars from R.D. Wood, of Philadelphia, and weighed some 600 tons.

The project cost nearly \$42,000, which, according to Dr. Howe, must have seemed a daunting figure to those who served as directors of the fledgling company. This gravity-fed system must have had some interesting moments. In Dr. Howe's opinion, one of the most difficult must have been crossing the Androscoggin. In any case, the first water came through the system on Nov. 1, 1890. The company was swamped with orders for.

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as the "Oxford Democrat" noted, in 1893 "the time of the old pump and wish to take advantage of something better."

The first water rates were \$8 per year for a private dwelling house occupied by a family of eight persons or less. Bath tubs and water closets were \$8 each extra. Rates for saloons, barbers, offices, stores, dentists were \$6 annually. Free water was provided to all churches, Gould Academy, the grammar school building and, after 1902, the Bethel Common fountain.

By 1910 it was determined that additional pressure and storage were needed. A reservoir was proposed for the westerly side of Paradise. A hole was dug but nothing further done since no water would reach this level. The reservoir was placed on the other side of the road in 1913 with a capacity of 600,000 gallons. The first superintendent of the Water Company appears to have been a man named Morse. Other superintendents have included Gideon A. Hastings, Tom Hastings, John Burbank, Will Garey, Fred Douglas, Walter Tikander, Bruce Bailey, David Myers, Richard Enright and Don Katlin.

In 1967 a Bethel Water District was formed and this entity acquired the assets of the Bethel Water Company for \$165,000. Trustees were to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The first trustees were Dana Brooks, Albert Buck and Dan Mansson.

Following the conclusion of Howe's talk, members of the audience, including several former and present trustees, provided some recollections. Prior to the program, a short business meeting was held. President Marvin Owings thanked all those responsible for a successful Heritage Day on Feb. 22. He also announced that the next meeting would be held on April 6 and feature a presentation on Norumbega, the mythical land sought by early explorers to North America, often believed by some historians as the Penobscot Bay area of Maine.

Following the showing of a video a discussion will be held and members of the audience will be encouraged to comment and ask questions. This appearance in Bethel is part of a 26-site project funded by the Maine Humanities Council and locally sponsored jointly by the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library. Beginning on April 18 there will be reading and discussion sessions at the Bethel Library that will cover various dimensions of exploration and discovery in Maine.

The president announced that the "Artifact of the Month" was a very fragile copy of a book "Descendants of William Locke of Woburn," published in 1833, the gift of Charles Morgan Mason, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Locke family was a very prominent one in the Bethel area during the 18th century. Locke Mountain and Locke Mills are two present-day reminders of the prominence of this family. The president indicated that the Society had thanked Mr. Mason for his generosity in presenting it with such a valuable resource.

A social hour and refreshments followed the program.

LOOKING BACKWARD
10 Years Ago: Helen Morton's painting "Fond Lilies at Round Pond" was selected for inclusion in the Farnsworth exhibit in Rockland.

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PRESENT AND FORMER OFFICIALS of the Bethel Water District attended a commemoration of the centenary of the town's water system, hosted by the Bethel Historical Society. From left to right, the officials are, Robert Gundersen, son of the Bethel Sewer Department (which works closely with the Water District), Arnel Brown (Water District Trustee), John B. Head (Water District Trustee), Ernest Angevine (former Water District Trustee), Robert Saunders (Trustee and Acting Superintendent), Donald Katlin (former Superintendent and present Assistant Superintendent), Louise Lincoln (former Trustee), Sumner Burgess (former Trustee).

Births: Kimberly J. Brown, Crystal D. Aylward.

Deaths: Hannah G. Dock, Pearl S. Spencer, Ervena M. Littlehale, Ruth E. Wilson, Harry W. Howe.

20 Years Ago: Terry Ring was crowned queen of the 1969 Winter Carnival sponsored by the Greater Bethel Chamber of Commerce. The Bethel Historical Society received donations of two yards of pennies from Ethel Sanborn, two yards from Harry Sanborn and one yard from Kimball Ames. Douglas Boynton, son of Dr. and Mrs. W.H. Boynton, formerly of Bethel, was named to the Dean's List at Trinity College.

Births: Marjorie E. Durgin.

30 Years Ago: Edmund C. Smith, owner of Wydeacre Farm, Bethel, was elected to the Agricultural Advisory Council of the University of Maine. Lee Ann Grover, a senior at Gould Academy,

was crowned carnival queen. A depth of five feet of snow was reported at Rosebuck Camp, Wilson's Mills. Phyllis King presented her class of accordion pupils at a meeting of the Ladies Club.

Deaths: William A. Dyer.

40 Years Ago: Larry's Army and Navy Surplus Store moved to Ridgelyville. It had formerly been located next to the Red & White, corner of Main and Church Street, Bethel. Five hundred ballots were cast at the Bethel Town Meeting. Carolyn Noyes, of East Bethel, was chosen vice-president of the West Hill dormitory at the University of Maine. Margaret B. Baker was elected Town Clerk of Bethel at the Town Meeting.

Deaths: Mark A. Lapham.

50 Years Ago: Officers selected for the Bethel Band were president, Arthur Dudley; vice-president, Jesse Doyon; secretary/treasurer, Ralph Young. A snowfall of about 30 inches fell and was reported to be the worst late winter storm in 70 years. Many roads were reported impassable. The Garden Club of Bethel held its first meeting of the season at Gould Academy.

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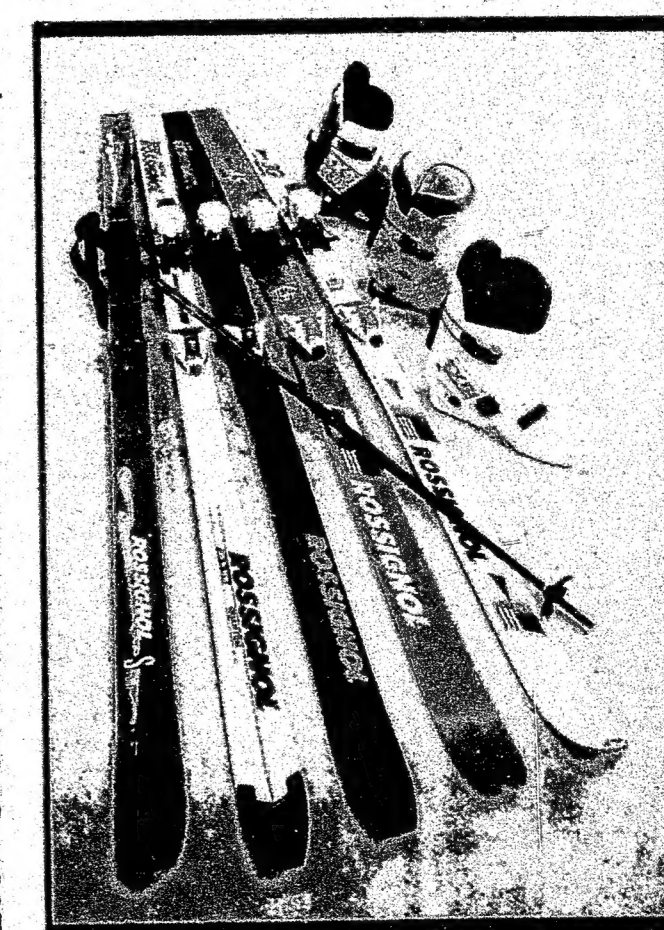
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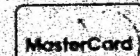
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THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 9, 1989

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Monitor	India	Roaming Wild and Free	Beyond 2000	Nature	Nature	Nature	Run	Outdoors	
(5)	Our House		Movie: "Unlabeled"		700 Club		Remington Steele			
(6)	Cosby	Family Ties	Cosby	Diff. World	Cheers	Dear John	L.A. Law	News	Tonight	
(7)	Affair	Kate & Allie	Fine Romance	Eliz. Taylor	HeartBeat		News	Love Con.		
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer		Best of Wild America: Great Escapes	Mystery!			Movie: "Stork Club"			
(11)	Spenser: For Hire	Cagney & Lacey	Movie: "Sin of Innocence"				Spenser: For Hire			
(12)	Celebrity Tour	Nashville Now		VideoCity	Crook	Country	Be a Star	Amer. Mag.		
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	48 Hours	Paradise		Knots Landing	News	Pat Sajak		
(16C)	Cheers	INN News	Movie: "Romantic Comedy"			INN News	Odd Couple	Cheers	H'mooner	
(18E)	Movie: "Roman Holiday"			Movie: "Save the Tiger"				Movie: "The Sicilian"		
(20G)	Bruins	NHL Hockey: Washington Capitals at Boston Bruins					College Basketball: SEC Tournament			
(21H)	SportsCtr.	Basketball: Ohio Valley Conf. Champ.				Basketball: Atlantic 10 Conf. Champ.		SportsCtr.		
(22)	A. Griffith	Sanford	Movie: "The Searchers"				Movie: "High Noon"			
(24K)	Gadget	Looney	Mister Ed	Patty Duke	My 3 Sons	Donna R.	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	Car 54
(26M)	Miami Vice		Movie: "The Atlanta Child Murders"					Miami Vice		
(27N)	Chronicle	Survival	Edge	Wild World	Vladimir Ashkenazy	Arts and Glasnost	Ris. Damp	French-S.		
(29P)	Justice	Movie: "Rad"		Movie: "The Killing Time"			D. Jennings	Vigilante: Right or Wrong		
(31R)	"Candleshoe" Cont'd	Walt Disney Presents	Movie: "Romeo and Juliet"					Lincoln		
(32S)	Cosby	Kate & Allie	Untouchables	Untouchables		News	Benny Hill	Downey		
(34U)	Cheers	Night Court	Movie: "Crash of Flight 401"			News	INN News	H'mooner	Hill Street	

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 10, 1989

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Monitor	Scotland	Bomber	American Diary			Space	Edge	World Alive	Paradise
(5)	Our House		Movie: "A Doctor's Story"				700 Club		Remington Steele	
(6)	Cosby	Family Ties	Father Dowling		Miami Vice		UNSUB		News	Tonight
(7)	Affair	Kate & Allie	Strangers	Full House	Belvedere	Ten of Us	20/20		News	Love Con.
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer		Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	Glenn Miller Band Reunion			Western World		
(11)	Spenser: For Hire	Cagney & Lacey	Movie: "Stepford Children"					Spenser: For Hire		
(12)	Fandango	Crook	Nashville Now		Celebrity Tour		Rock	Be a Star	Amer. Mag.	
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Charlie Br.	Marvin	Dallas		Falcon Crest	News	Pat Sajak	
(16C)	Cheers	INN News	Movie: "Legend"				INN News	Odd Couple	Cheers	H'mooner
(18E)	"The Desperate Hours"		Movie: "Chinatown"					Movie: "Salvador"		
(20G)	Hockey East Playoff		Hockey East Playoff: Semifinal Game					College Basketball: SEC Quarterfinal		
(21H)	College Basketball: Atlantic Coast Conference Quarterfinal							Basketball: Atlantic Coast Conference Quarterfinal		SportsCtr.
(22)	A. Griffith	Sanford	Movie: "The Sons of Katie Elder"					Sanford	Ins. NBA	
(24K)	Gadget	Looney	Mister Ed	Patty Duke	My 3 Sons	Donna R.	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	Car 54
(26M)	Miami Vice		Murder, She Wrote	Hitchcock	Bradbury	Hitchhiker	Werewolf	Miami Vice		
(27N)	Chronicle	Survival	Eagle-Bear	Churchill	Movie: "Avalon"					
(29P)	"The Woman in Red"		Movie: "Innerspace"					Movie: "Cross My Heart"		
(31R)	It All Started With a Mouse		Ban & Me		Movie: "Return to Snowy River"			Ozzy	Big Cat	
(32S)	Cosby	Kate & Allie	Knight Rider	Knight Rider		News		Benny Hill	Downey	
(34U)	Cheers	Night Court	Movie: "Doctor Detroit"			News	INN News	H'mooner	Hill Street	

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 11, 1989

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Run	Outdoors	Combat Sport	Austria	Hands	Wild South	World-Sea	Animals	Naturalist	
(5)	Rin Tin Tin	Campbells	Movie: "Dirty Dozen: The Deadly Mission"			Borderdown	Crossbow	Rin Tin Tin	Campbells	
(6)	Cosby	Family Ties	227	Amen	Gold. Girls	Empty Nest	Hunter	News	Main Event	
(8)	Star Search		Unauthorized Biography: Richard M. Nixon				Murphy's Law		Nightmare	
(10)	WonderWorks			James Taylor in Concert				Linda Ronstadt		
(11)	Movie: "Skatell" Cont'd	Cagney & Lacey		MacGruder & Loud	Molly Dodd	Beantown	Spenser: For Hire			
(12)	Kitchen	Wk./Music	Backstage	Grand Opry	Celebrity Tour	Kitchen	CountryClips	Rock		
(13)	High School Basketball: Class A Tournament							TV 101		
(16C)	Star Trek: Gen.		Movie: "Fame"			INN News	Monsters	Darkside	Hill Gold	
(18E)	Movie: "La Bamba"			Legends of Rock 'n' Roll			Movie: "10"			
(20G)	Candlepin Bowling		Hockey East Playoff: Championship Game					NHL Hockey		
(21H)	College Basketball		Basketball: Midwestern Conference Championship				Basketball: Western Athletic Conference Champ.			
(22)	World Championship Wrestling			Movie: "War Wagon"				Night Tracks		
(24K)	Gadget	Duckula	Mister Ed	Patty Duke	My 3 Sons	Donna R.	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	Car 54
(26M)	Miami Vice		Movie: "Girls Nite Out"				Hitchhiker	Hitchcock	Movie: "Stitches"	
(27N)	Chronicle	Eagle-Bear	Living Dangerously		Shortstories		A Woman Called Golda	Slap	Variety	
(29P)	"Overboard" Cont'd		Movie: "Moonstruck"					Movie: "Wall Street"		
(31R)	Movie: "Amazing Grace and Chuck"			Movie: "Our Little Girl"		Boy Loved Trolls		Here Comes the Groom		
(32S)	It's a Living	NHL Hockey: New York Rangers at Washington Capitals						B. Miller	Nightmare	
(34U)	Sharif	Benson	Movie: "The China Syndrome"					INN News	Body Soul	

SUNDAY EVENING MARCH 12, 1989

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Animals	Animals	Taylor's Tasmania	R&D Ape			Third Reich	Thompson	Adventure	
(5)	Our House		Animals	Snapshots	In Touch		Ben Haden	Ankerberg	R. Vaughn	Ed Young
(6)	Swiss Family Robinson	Family Ties	Day by Day	Movie: "Rambo: First Blood Part II"				News	Sports	
(8)	Great Circuses		Movie: "Never Say Never Again"						People	
(10)	Upstairs, Downstairs		Nature	Masterpiece Theatre	Sing Out America!			Sign-Off		
(11)	Cardiology	Milestones	Physicians Jml.	Cardiology	Medicine	Obstetrics	Family	Surgery	Medicine	
(12)	American Sports Cavalcade		Racing	Heroes	Outdoors	Fisherman	Bassmaster	Motoworld	Racing	
(13)	60 Minutes		Murder, She Wrote	People's Choice Awards				Dick Clark		
(16C)	Rich & Famous		War of the Worlds	Billy Graham Crusade		INN News	Odd Couple	Cheers	H'mooner	
(18E)	"The Black Windmill"		Movie: "Frantic"					Movie: "Soul Man"		
(20G)	Golf: Tucker Anthony		Major Indoor Lacrosse: Philadelphia at New England					Tennis: Va. Slims of Indian Wells		
(21H)	College Basketball: Southwestern Athletic Conf.			College Baseball: Florida at Louisiana State				SportsCenter		
(22)	Movie: "Rio Lobo"			National Geographic Explorer				World of Audubon		
(24K)	Gadget	Duckula	Mister Ed	Patty Duke	My 3 Sons	Donna R.	Sat. Nite	SCTV	Laugh-In	Car 54
(26M)	Miami Vice		Boxing: Ray Mancini vs. Hector Camacho			Philip Marlowe		Cover Story	Hollywood	
(27N)	20th Century/Will Moyers		Hellen Keller: I See	Miss Marple		Roberta Flack		Buffalo Bill	Good/Cafe	
(29P)	"Innerspace" Cont'd		Movie: "The Witches of Eastwick"					Movie: "Dead Man Out"		
(31R)	Movie: "Thunder in the City"		Disney	Nat. "King" Cole				"Rappaccini's Daughter"	"Young Mr. Lincoln"	
(32S)	Unauthorized Biography: Richard M. Nixon			Police Story		News	D.C. Follies	B. Miller	Baretta	
(34U)	High School Basketball		Billy Graham Crusade	Star Search		News		Monsters	Magnus	

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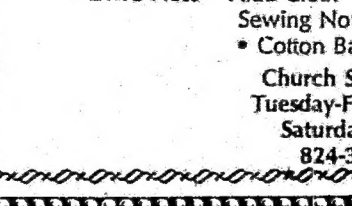
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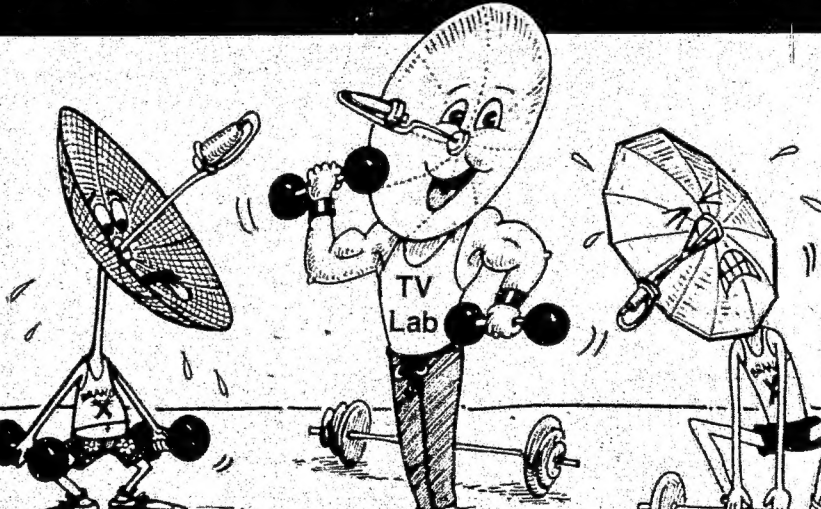
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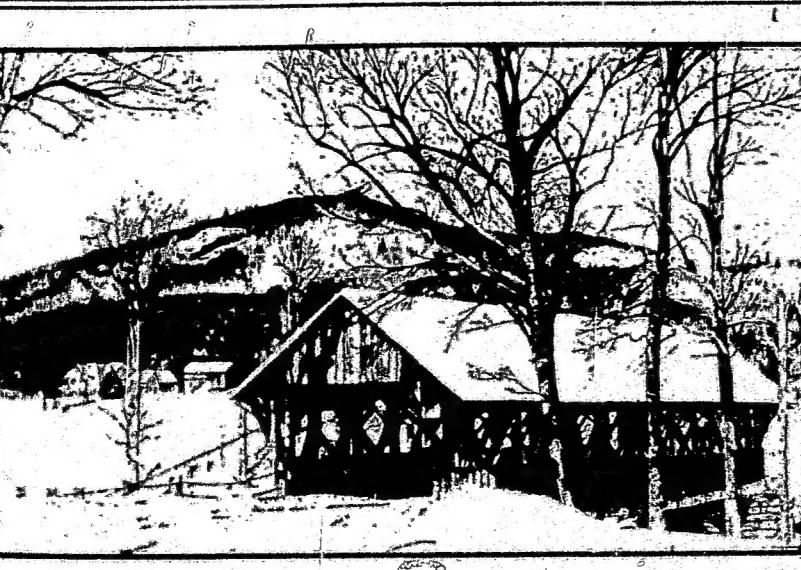
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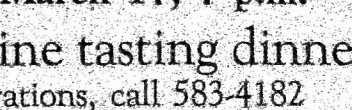
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MONDAY EVENING MARCH 13, 1989										
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(4)	Monitor	Portraits	Animals	Naturalist	Orphans	Wildlife	See Amer.	Daily	Living Body	Earthlife
(5)	Kane and Abel						700 Club		Kane and Abel	
(6)	Cosby	Family Ties	ALF	Hogan	Movie: "Dangerous Affection"				News	Tonight
(8)	Affair	Kate & Allie	MacGyver		Movie: "Gideon Oliver Tongs"				News	Love Con.
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer		War & Peace		How Hitler Lost the War				Movie: "Jack London Story"	
(11)	Spenser: For Hire	Molly Dodd	Molly Dodd	Movie: "Like Mom, Like Me"					Spenser: For Hire	
(12)	Fandango	Crook	Nashville Now		VideoCity	Crook	Country	Be a Star	Amer. Mag.	
(13)	Charlie Br.	Marvin	Newhart	Kate & Allie	Brown	Designing	Beauty and the Beast	News	Pat Sajak	
(16C)	Cheers	INN News	Presession Baseball: New York Yankees vs. Chicago White Sox			INN News	Cheers	H'mooner		
(18E)	"Hiding Out" Cont'd		Movie: "Fatal Beauty"			Movie: "Best Seller"				
(20G)	Lacrosse	Raceweek	Presession Baseball: Boston Red Sox vs. Kansas City Royals				Major Indoor Lacrosse			
(21H)	SportsCtr.	Magic Yrs.	Dance Teams		Figure Skating: Stars On Ice		Human Powered Veh.	SportsCtr.		
(22I)	A. Griffith	Sanford	Holocaust				Holocaust Continues			
(24K)	Gadget	Looney	Mister Ed	Patty Duke	My 3 Sons	Donna R.	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	Car 54
(26M)	Miami Vice		Murder, She Wrote		WWF Prime Time Wrestling				Miami Vice	
(27N)	Chronicle	Survival	From Surabaya		Our Century: Budapest		Shortstories		Pia Zadora at the Improv	
(29P)	Legend of Lone Ranger		Movie: "The In Crowd"				Movie: "Glory! Glory!"		One Night	
(31R)	"Love Leads the Way"		Born Free		Movie: "The Nutty Professor"			Ozzie		
(32S)	Cosby	Kate & Allie	Movie: "Country"				News	Benny Hill	Downey	
(34U)	Cheers	Night Court	Movie: "Legend"				News	INN News	H'mooner	Hill Street

TUESDAY EVENING MARCH 14, 1989										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Monitor	Rendezvs.	Thompson	Adventure	Explore		Nature	Noah's Ark	Silence	Hvy. Water
(5)	Our House		Kane and Abel				700 Club		Remington Steele	
(6)	Cosby	Family Ties	Mallock		In the Heat of the Night		Midnight Caller		News	Carson
(8)	Affair	Kate & Allie	Boss?	Wonder	Rosanne	Anything	thirtysomething	News	Love Con.	
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer		Entertaining the Troops				Hirohito - Behind the Myth		Henry VIII	
(11)	Spenser: For Hire		Cagney & Lacey		Movie: "Why Me?"				Spenser: For Hire	
(12)	Fandango	Crook	Nashville Now		VideoCity	Crook	New City	Be a Star	Amer. Mag.	
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Aliens"					News	Pat Sajak	
(16C)	Cheers	INN News	Best of Gleason				INN News	Odd Couple	Cheers	H'mooner
(18E)	Movie: "Terms of Endearment" Cont'd				Movie: "Chinatown"				"Ironweed"	
(20G)	WWF Wrestling						Major Indoor Lacrosse: Philadelphia at New England			
(21H)	SportsCtr.	Trucks	Bodybuilding		Top Rank Boxing: From Atlantic City, N.J.			Sports	SportsCtr.	
(22I)	A. Griffith	Sanford	Holocaust				Holocaust Continues			
(24K)	Gadget	Looney	Mister Ed	Patty Duke	My 3 Sons	Donna R.	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	Car 54
(26M)	Miami Vice		Murder, She Wrote		Law and Harry McGraw		Diamonds		Miami Vice	
(27N)	Chronicle	Survival	Ace of Kennedy		Movie: "Three Men and a Cradle"				Maxwell	
(29P)	Tarzan Lord of Apes		Movie: "Gaby: A True Story"				Movie: "Glory! Glory!"			
(31R)	Charlie B.	Concert	Easter Bunny Is Coming		Movie: "The Diary of Anne Frank"			Ozzie & H.	Liberty V.	
(32S)	Cosby	Kate & Allie	Hunter		Hunter		News	Benny Hill	Downey	
(34U)	Cheers	Night Court	Movie: "Love Child"				News	INN News	H'mooner	Hill Street

WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH 15, 1989										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Monitor	China	Planet for the Taking		Great Planes		Europe's Green Islands		Journey Through Java	
(5)	Our House		Kane and Abel				700 Club		Remington Steele	
(6)	Cosby	Family Ties							News	Tonight
(8)	Affair	Kate & Allie	Gro. Pains	Head Ciss.	Coach	Hooperman	China Beach		News	Love Con.
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer		American Playhouse						Woody Guthrie & Leadbelly	
(11)	Spenser: For Hire		Cagney & Lacey		Movie: "Shells Levine Is Dead and Living in New York"				Foley Sq.	
(12)	Fandango	Crook	Nashville Now		VideoCity	Crook	Country	Be a Star	Magazine	
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Hard Time on Earth		Jake and the Fatman				News	Pat Sajak
(16C)	Cheers	INN News	Movie: "Bare Essence"				INN News	Odd Couple	Cheers	H'mooner
(18E)	"Leonard Part 6" Cont'd				Movie: "Lethal Weapon"				Movie: "Moving"	
(20G)	Golf: Tucker Anthony		HS Hockey: Mass. Div. II Champ.				HS Hockey: Mass. Div. I Champ.		College Hockey	
(21H)	SportsCtr.	Basketball: National Invitational Tourn. First Rd.			Basketball: National Invitational Tourn. First Rd.				SportsCtr.	
(22I)	A. Griffith	Sanford	NBA Basketball: Portland Trail Blazers at Utah Jazz				NBA Basketball			
(24K)	Gadget	Looney	Mister Ed	Patty Duke	My 3 Sons	Donna R.	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	Car 54
(26M)	Miami Vice		Murder, She Wrote		Movie: "Deadly Impact"				Boxing	
(27N)	Chronicle	Survival	Battle Line	Air Power	Vietnam War		Decades: 60's		Allyce Beasley	
(29P)	"The Mosquito Coast"		Movie: "Innerspace"				One Night	1st & Ten	Vietnam	Glory Year
(31R)	Bear	Boomer	SlideKicks	Danger Bay		Movie: "Candleshoe"			Ozzie-H.	Sowry Riv.
(32S)	Cosby	Kate & Allie	A-Team		A-Team		News		Benny Hill	Downey
(34U)	Cheers	Night Court	Movie: "Night of the Creeps"				News	INN News	H'mooner	Hill Street

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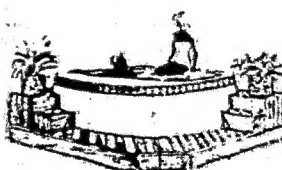
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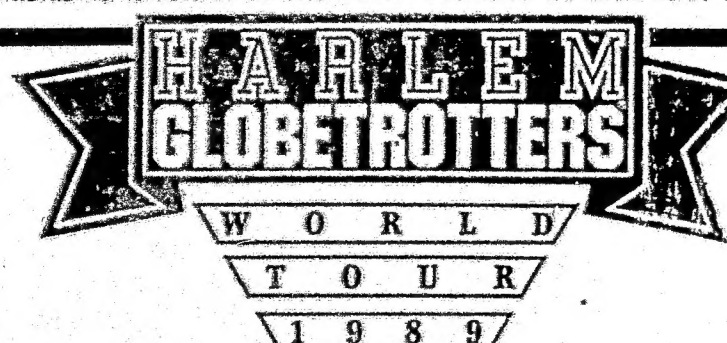


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Northwest Bethel

By CLARICE GIBSON

Did March come in like a lion or like a lamb? We did have some snow squalls and some wind but nothing like some March winds. Of course, the old saying is, "If March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb."

Feb. 25, Frank and I, Frankie and Theresa Gibson were all treated to a meal at Bonanza in Oxford by Esther Cockett in honor of Theresa's birthday, which was the 21st. Tuesday, Frank and I had to go see Dr. Endruza in Portland. He had his cast taken off and his arm is now in a sling. Once again, we went into Valley's for dinner. Thursday, was very pleased to have Jean Grover come in for a cup of tea after taking her granddaughter to Headstart. Oh, yes, the 26th, Wilfred and Kim came for supper. They came the 26th and took Frankie down with them to Lewiston for the night so Frankie could do some paperwork for them.

The 24th, Grace Douglass had Bryan, Gina Douglass and two children, Brent Douglass, Shelley Rice, Beth Douglass, Fryeburg and her friend, Chuck, Lovell, in to celebrate Dick's birthday.

The 19th of Feb., Dan and Sally Hanon went to Portsmouth, N.H., to visit Sally's mother, Elizabeth Raitt, and husband, Harley. They came back Monday. Mary Beth and Amy stayed with Elaine Hutchins, Shilo, and Mistry.

Frank and Sid Murphy had their granddaughter, August Murphy from the 21st to 26th. Grampa Frank picked August up at her home at Sebago and Dean Murphy came for Sunday dinner and took his daughter home.

The 18th, the Coolidge family had Dawn Seames, daughter of Debbie Seames, to visit Sarah, Cindy Wheeler, daughter of Cindy Wheeler, to visit Jessica, and Phoebe Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Brown, to visit Vicky. All girls spent the night. Wednesday night the Victor Coolidge family had the Hall family of Rumford visit. Thursday, Jessica Coolidge finished her Rutgers skiing program.

David, Roberta Hunt and two children were at her mother's, Pat Greig, over the weekend for cake and ice cream for Roberta's birthday.

Don, Karen Bean and two sons entertained 14 of Karen's family the 25th. They enjoyed skating and a turkey dinner.

Teddy, Carol and Chris Benson had Sunday dinner the 25th with his mother, Sylvia Benson. They took a ride up to Sunday River Ski Resort to see the growth of the area.

The 23rd, Glenn, Martha, Jonathon, and Glenn M. Bangs of Dresden, Peter Keniston of Turner; David, Jody, Keith and Heather Keniston of Norway; Dr. Lennie Shaw, Becky, Jon and Jen Shaw and John Landry enjoyed a day of skiing. The night before the families got together with the David Keniston family for a potluck supper.

Amy Laban, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Laban, went to Vermont with a friend during vacation week visiting relatives.

The Church of the Nazarene Sunday School went skating Monday behind Chuckie Mason's. They also cooked hot dogs. Thursday night the group had game night at the church. Friday morning went roller skating at Oxford and Tuesday morning bowled at Rumford.



The new footbridge in Andover, built by Maine National Guardsmen, is now open for traffic. So far this winter, most of the traffic is snow-machines.

The older ones went bowling Saturday morning.

Saturday night zone youths of Nazarene Churches met at So. Paris. Going to most of the outings were Chuckie and Kathy Mason's three children, Debbie Seames' three children, Gerry Shimamura, and Rocky Corriveau and children were able to join them for roller-skating Friday.

Gerry Shimamura took her grandson, Justin, back to his mother, Betsy, the 26th. Justin had spent the week with Albert and Mabel Herrick.

Thursday, Linda Howe and two boys and Gina Douglass and two boys went to a sliding party at Marilyn Swan's and children on Sunday River Road. They also had lunch.

Friday, Marilyn Swan and children and Linda Howe with two boys went bowling at Oxford Lanes in Rumford and out to lunch.

The nurse for Frank's doctor is Mike Lurvey's widow, Kathy. She asked us if we knew Ethel Ward who is her grandmother-in-law when she saw we were from Bethel.

The 17th, John Corriveau and Rocky Mason were married at the Church of the Nazarene. Scott Mason, Jr. gave his mother away. Jana Mason, Monica Tina and Tanya Corriveau were all bridesmaids. A reception was held at Gilead town hall. The couple stayed in Rumford Friday night and Berlin, N.H., Saturday night.

Monday, John, Rocky and children went to the movies in Berlin, N.H. Stan Brown helped Ira Gibson lay oak floor in his and Kristen's kitchen a couple of days.

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The law in Maine requires that a group of at least three members of the school's administration or staff form what is called a Pupil Evaluation Team (P.E.T.) and that the team prepare an individual plan for your review and consent within 60 days of their first meeting. You have a right to be involved in the preparation of the plan, and you should actively participate.

The goal is to serve a child's needs in the least restrictive manner available, with the objective of putting the child on a par with other children of his or her age. The plan must be reviewed annually, and if there are any disagreements between you and the administration as to how a plan is to be implemented, you have the right to a hearing or mediation. You can talk to the school administration, or if that does not seem to work, the school board in your district. If that does not get you the answers you seek, you should consult with an attorney about the next steps in your particular case. You may even be entitled to have your attorney's fees paid or reimbursed by the school board.

No child in need of special education should be denied it, and you have the right to make the school take the necessary steps to see that your child's rights are being protected.

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You have a question on a legal matter, please submit it in writing to "Ask a Lawyer," c/o The Maine State Bar Association, P.O. Box 788, Augusta, 04300-0788.

Betty Gilbert took her mother, Grace Morrill, to her doctor in Norway the 27th. The 26th, Richard and Sue Angevine had a sliding party in the field by the Coolidges. Ricky, Craig Angevine, Terry and Diana; Sheri, Manuel and Tana Corcoran; Kristy, Dusty and Sam Angevine. They went back to Angevine's for lunch. Judy and Jessica Coolidge joined the party for awhile.

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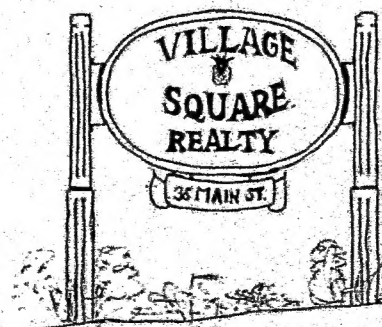
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AVCOG hosts forum on tourism, in Norway

The Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG) will sponsor a series of three public forums in the western lakes and mountains tourism region this month. The public forums will address "Management Challenges Facing the Tourism Industry." Locally, the meeting will be March 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce, Lower Main Street, Norway.

AVCOG is one of six regional planning agencies funded by the State Department of Economic and Community Development to develop regional tourism plans for various sections of the state. The western lakes and mountains region tourism plan will address development, management, and promotion issues facing the tourism industry.

The management component of the plan will consider a number of concerns voiced during a series of seven public informational meetings held throughout the region last summer. Specifically, the research has explored how tourism affects the environment, public access to resources and facilities, and quality-of-life factors, and how, through proper planning, these impacts may be minimized.

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Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Judith Grover tent #17 will meet on Monday, March 13, at the grange hall. A silent auction will be held. Harriett Estes is on refreshment Committee. Money making ideas will be discussed.

Awana Clubs meet each Thursday evening at the Awana Rooms at the Baptist Church. All children are welcome. The Woodstock Senior Citizens met at the Village Restaurant, Locke Mills, on Thursday for a meeting and dinner, a good crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hathaway visited their daughter, Mrs. Reynolds Jordan, on Wednesday.

At the upcoming forums, planners will ask all interested persons to comment on the validity of their findings of the positive and negative impacts tourism has in the region, and to suggest strategies for the effective management of tourism development.
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ONCE UPON A TIME was the theme of a take-off on several well-known fairy tales, staged last week by the Telstar Drama Department. Above, "Cool Dude Wolf" (Todd Posey) confronts "Little Pink Riding Hood" (Greg Corrin).

NEWS FROM

Adult Education

The SAD #44 Adult and Community Education program is beginning its spring term. Most classes will start during the week of March 13.

Registration for the 35 classes and workshops can be done at the Adult Education office at Telstar Regional High School in person, or by telephone, at 824-2780.

According to Adult and Community Education Director Cathy Newell, several classes have already filled, including Welding, Brush Lettering, and the March section of Introduction to Computers. However, there are places in many other classes.

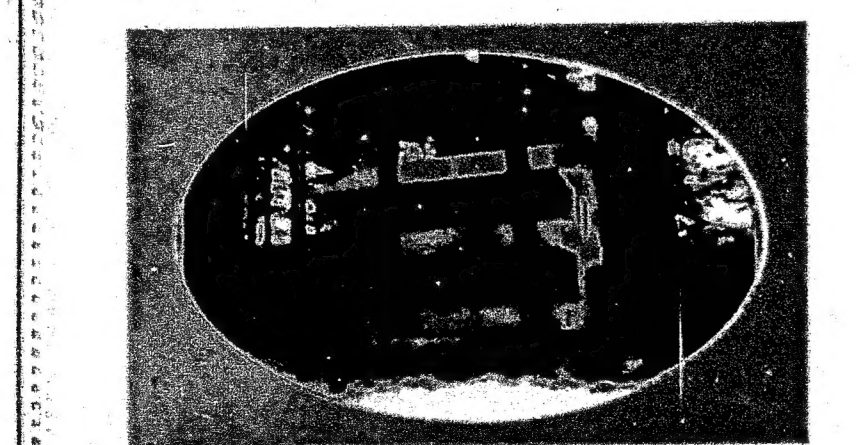
Birding: An Introduction to Ornithology will offer the experienced birder, as well as the beginner, 20 hours of class and 20 hours of field work under the direction of Chris Lewey, of Raven Interpretive Wildlife of Conway, N.H. The class will begin on March 21 and run on Tuesday nights, 7-9:30, at Telstar.

Machine Quilting will be taught by Donna McCarragher, with two classes to be held during the spring term. The first quilt to be made will be the Lovers Knot, starting on March 8. The second will be May Basket, starting on April 22. The demonstration quilt from the first class is being sponsored by the Bethel Library, which will then conduct a fundraising drawing for the quilt on Mollycodd Day.

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Ms. McCarragher will also offer a one-night re-run of her popular Heart-shaped Boxes class, on Tuesday, March 14. Students will create an heirloom quilt by box.

Hand-quilting will not be neglected this spring as Catherine Calef returns to the Bethel Library with a "Stars and Stripes" class for those who have a basic knowledge of hand-quilting techniques. This class will meet on Tuesday mornings.

Bird-carving will be offered on two nights, Tuesday or Thursday, to meet the needs of the many enthusiastic carvers of varying levels of experience. Mike Murphy and some class members from the winter term participated in the recent Heritage Day event at the Moses Mason House, and will have an exhibit during the month of March at the Bethel Library.

The History and Technique of English Handbell Ringing will be the subject of a course taught by Mary Valentine, at the Bethel Congregational Church, on Monday morning or evening. For the past several years, the development of handbell groups for youth and adults has been an exciting musical development at the West Parish Church.

Intermediate Bridge, at the Bethel House on Wednesday afternoons, is popular with older citizens. But younger

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Stained Glass will be the subject of a course taught on Tuesday nights at Telstar by Robin Fraser. This course is open to students who are beginners as well as those who have past experience. A new course this spring is Tole Painting, which will be taught by Jan Todd on Wednesday nights at Telstar. Students will work on a variety of projects while learning this traditional decorative painting technique.

Accounting will be offered by Merle Ring, covering the accounting cycle in its basic form. The course is aimed at those who keep books for a small business or who are interested in improving their readiness for employment. The course will be held on Tuesdays.

Conversational French will be offered on Monday afternoons at the Bethel Library by Monique Rolfe, for beginners and advanced students. A new course in Conversational Spanish will be taught on Wednesday nights at Telstar by Chris Zimmer. The Spanish class was incorrectly listed in the recently published

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WEST BETHEL Children's Center

It's March already and things are just a-humming at the Children's Center. We have talked a lot about dental health this week, and have included an activity of making construction paper toothbrushes and cutting and pasting a dental health collage. A visit to Dr. Mason's has been scheduled for March 14.

From March 7 through March 10, we will be celebrating Fun Week, a sort of breather from any winter blues and great anticipation of spring. Here goes: Tuesday, Word Day—Each child will wear his/her favorite word on a necklace that day.

Wednesday, Doll Day—Bring a doll or stuffed animal to school.

Thursday, Hat Day—Bring a hat from home or make one here to wear.

Friday, Favorite Color Day—Wear clothes in favorite color.

The winner of the "mini-vacation" at the Bethel Inn is Diane Friedlander. Congratulations.

A special thank-you goes to Judy and Harry Morton for inviting staff and children to go sliding on their snowy slope. We are trying to take advantage of all good weather to get outside and enjoy.

The blue-eyed "Star-of-the-Week" is 4-year-old Trisha Starr Binette. Trish lives in Glenad with her parents, Steve and Barbie, and brothers Travis and Trevor.

Grandparents Day will be observed on March 15, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children will be working on invitations. West Bethel Children Center Menu March 6-10:

Monday, breakfast: lowfat milk, orange juice, hot cereal surprise; lunch: lowfat milk, shepherd pie (hamburger, mashed potatoes, corn), cheddar cheese chunks, fresh broccoli, fresh pear, pumpernickel bread; snack: orange/pineapple juice, blueberry bagel.

Tuesday, breakfast: lowfat milk, orange/grapefruit juice, coconut toasts, homemade fruit sauce; lunch: lowfat milk, homemade fish chowder, grilled cheese sandwich on rye bread, fresh carrot and green pepper sticks, sliced peaches; snack: grape juice,

course guide as being offered on Thursdays.

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EIGHTH-GRADERS HAVE BEEN GETTING READY for the future. With the help of the Guidance Office, the students have been conducting career searches and course selection. Parent workshops and arena scheduling are to be finished in March. All middle school students were invited to an ice cream social by the Guidance Office last week. About 220 youngsters enjoyed the lunch treat, provided by Middle School Counselor Sally Hannon.

peanuts in a shell, crackers and cheese.

Wednesday, breakfast: lowfat milk, apple/grape juice, raisin bagel, banana slices; lunch: lowfat milk, boiled dinner (lean ham, potatoes, carrots, turnip, cabbage, green beans), cheese biscuits, orange slices; snack: lowfat milk, canned peaches, peanut butter sandwich on whole wheat bread.

Thursday, breakfast: lowfat milk, orange juice, raisin french toast, homemade fruit sauce; lunch: lowfat milk, swedish meatballs, rice, spinach salad, fresh broccoli, fresh apple, snack: lowfat milk, applesauce, crackers and cheese chunks.

Friday, breakfast: lowfat milk, orange juice, baked fish, parsley potatoes, frozen peas, sliced beets, sliced tomatoes, fresh orange, homemade ap-

ple muffin; snack: apple juice, wheat-worth crackers with peanut butter.

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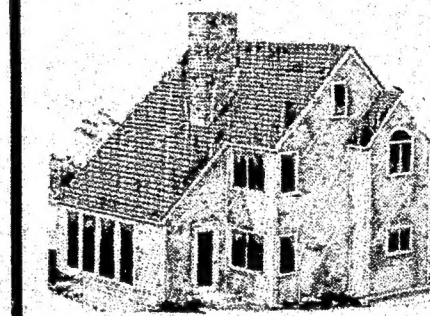
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Dear Fred,
Congratulations on your retirement and welcome to the "Fellowship of the Fixed Income." I know that you've spent a lifetime as a firefighter, but it doesn't seem so long ago that you were "Uncle Fred" and we were the very young parents of our first-born, Richard.

Those were the days when a tapper was not someone who danced his way in to the hearts of millions, but a loud brass ball affixed to the wall in every firefighter's home, clanging out the box location and calling you all for help. Those were the days when the train passed through town daily, blowing sparks and starting fires in what we referred to as "brush season", when hundreds of acres of burned forest and field lay sooty and subdued as you and your compatriots brought the flames to rest.

In those days, a small band of men learned all there was to know about fighting fire, and that band worked as a cohesive force to protect the town, its structures, and its people. You have been a member of that band for three decades, Uncle Fred! Richard and his brothers are grown men, your own children are grown, many of your associates, including Donald, have left before you. You are about to trade your white hat for the cap of retirement, and you may have some concerns about bronzing your boots.

Let me allay your fears as I describe for you what retirement (premature though it was) means to the two of us. It has allowed us to make a choice of a new life. It has provided the opportunity to relocate to a real country setting (such as Weston must have been when your father was a boy), where we see cows and horses grazing, farmers haying, partridge crossing the road, deer and moose by the river, all, by the way, as part of the landscape that we traverse each day, going to or toward.

Retirement has granted us freedom. We are free to be diligent, or lazy, involved, or aloof. We are free to volunteer our services in helping with community projects, in preparing for Grange suppers, church suppers, historical society gatherings.

Just the other day, the church women of the world held a "World Day of Prayer." As a retiree, I was free to join the women of Bethel and surrounding communities in a convocation at our West Bethel Union Church where we prayed for "... courage to intercede in behalf of our neighbor in need", among other things. Peggy Wight, Muriel Faudt, Nancy Grover and I read from materials prepared by concerned women of Burma. It was inspiring to know that on that very day, women were gathered in churches around the world, petitioning with one voice for mercy, compassion, and the

courage to "renew the face of the earth."

And while I'm praying, or sewing, or gardening, or tutoring, Donald is free to fish and hunt, plow snow, cut grass, or just sit in the corner store and gab (some things never change). We are free to play at work and work at play. We can take time to enjoy our life and we take pleasure in learning from those who have elevated enjoyment to an art form.

Last week we watched Becky Hanscom and her friends, Jenn Felt, Meri Howe, and Todd Posey devour a day on her grandparents' farm in Mason Township. The teens slid, rolled, wrestled and tumbled down the snowy slopes, laughing all the way to the popcorn. The great wonder to behold was that Becky's parents, Christine and David, and her brother Dave rounded out the party and there was room for everyone's fun! What ever happened to sibling rivalry and "don't crash my party"? Here they seem to be supplanted by sheer joy!

We have both enjoyed the new freedom for getting to know the neighbors. In our new life, that means "doorway visits" (when you stop to say hello without intending to stay), "bonnet visits" (when you stop to say hello, but don't even plan to stay long enough to take off your hat), or "no name visits" (the neighbors haven't labeled these for us yet) that may include a race through the woods on skis, a delightful unexpected supper, and a rousing evening of games and stories. All this because we have the time to take the time.

Retirement also allows time for research. Dick and Jane Hosterman can attest to that. They have been on a genealogical journey over highways and through archives for several years now. Recently they spent a day in Montpelier, Vt., with their neighbor, Jeanne Kimball, tracking down Tetrautts (Jeanne's in-law ancestors), Outworths (for Dick's tree), Howards, Lovejoys, Russells and Martins (Jane's mom was a Martin). In addition to the Vital Records Building, Montpelier boasts a Historical Society Library that contains many family, town, and DAR histories for all New England (should you ever want to start on the Lyons branch).

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JACKSON-SILVER POST NEWS

The Jackson-Silver Post #68 met Thursday evening, March 2, at the Legion Hall, Locke Mills, at 7 p.m.

The meeting began with the usual roll call of its officers, followed by reports of the various committees. Among matters of business acted upon was an affirmative vote to grant the P.H. Chadbourne Company use of the building to conduct hearing tests for its employees to conform to the requirement of OSHA on March 15, beginning at 9 a.m. It was further voted at this meeting to grant use of the building to Project Graduation at Telstar High School, June 3, on a donation basis.

A nominating committee was selected at this meeting to nominate officers for the coming year. Members to serve on this committee are Andrew Bartlett, Warren Smith, Raymond Tripp and Rodney Hanscom. Raymond Tripp was installed as Sergeant-at-Arms for the remainder of the year.

The Post, along with members of the Post Auxiliary, will have their annual Birthday Supper at the Legion Hall at 6 p.m., March 16. A number of American Legion dignitaries have been invited to join the members on this special occasion. The adjutant of the state organization, Nathan Cobb, has been invited, along with Annie Beck, county president of the Auxiliary, along with president of the state Auxiliary, Elsie Seely, of Belfast.

There will be a brief business meeting of Post and Auxiliary after the supper.

are now the president of "You", as well as the timekeeper, planner, implementer, evaluator and staff. Embrace the new job with enthusiasm and joy. And be sure to call if you have questions. Hugs to Ann and the family.
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JAN STOWELL, RN, (standing) was recently named coordinator of hospice volunteers for Androscoggin Home Health Services, in Lewiston. She is shown above with AHH's special services coordinator Leslie Shaffer, RN, and staff nurse Mary Hickey, who was recently certified by the agency in home hospice care. She will work with terminally ill patients and their families in northern Oxford County.

At Andover...

Elderwood Manor Items

Charlotte Haynes, Thomaston, visited her mother, Elizabeth Sennett, recently. Bus riders from the Manor on Wednesday were Catherine McGuire, Elizabeth Sennett, Dorothy Elliott, and Mr. and Mrs. Howes.

Anne Fox attended Ladies Circle meeting on Wednesday.

Gertrude Hutchins and Florence Hall were shopping in Rumford on Tuesday.

Louise Powell, Hale, visited her mother, Alma Hewey.

Kitty Fox and friend visited Anne Fox on Saturday.

Thought for the Day: Any household task is fascinating to a child until he's old enough to do it.

Calvary Congregational Church

Rev. Donald Grover's message "Walking With God," Genesis 5:24, a picture of the Rapture, Enoch, never did die. The choir sang: "Springs of Living Water." Pastor Grover shared a letter from Harold Duff during Missionary Moments. Communion was observed. Christian education meeting March 2, 6 p.m. Plans were made for activities for the spring.

March 11, 7 a.m., Men's breakfast at West Sumner Bible Church.

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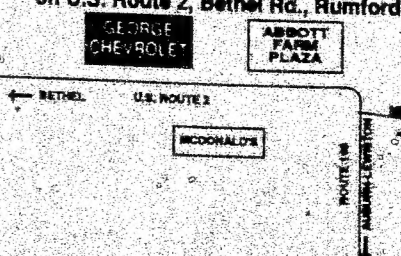
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By VIVA WHITMAN

What a queer day yesterday turned out to be! The sun shone so beautifully most of the day but had a snow squall or two just to make things interesting. I had to go to town during one of those squalls and the flakes were so large it was hard to believe. Looks like a lovely day today and I am glad as I have a trip to Lewiston to make. Always something brewing.

We have had the most red squirrels this year that we have ever had since we moved here. The other day I counted eight red squirrels and four gray ones. How fast the little red ones jump around and scurry over the ground or up a tree! They are so much fun to watch.

We have had a few finches show up at the bird feeder lately so spring must be coming somewhere in the near future. I hope. I'm sure others feel the same way. We still have plenty of chickadees coming out and woodpeckers also. A few nuthatches clinging upside down feeding but the thing that I like to get out close to the feeder and chickadees still come. They don't seem to be a bit afraid of us which is good.

It was a busy week for me last week with the girls up to visit and I got tired. Guess I'm not as young as I used to be and small folk tire me out. They have so much more ambition than I do. Courtney came on Sunday so went to Grange with us on Monday night. She was a good girl and enjoyed the valentine she got at the program. We were sorry that Olive Davis was sick and couldn't come as she is Lecturer and in charge of the program. However, Lettie Brooks filled in for her and did a bang-up job of it.

Courtney stayed until Wednesday when Wynona came up and took me to North Bridgton to see Dr. Shedd and then Courtney went home and Kariann stayed the rest of the week. We played cards with the girls and other games as well and they had a good time and so did I. Oh! trouble is that I get tired too easily. Kariann plays cards and does really well with the numbers and it is a good way to teach numbers. We also played bridge which the girls liked. Got lots of hugs and kisses while they were here and helped a lot.

We had gone to town on Friday to get groceries and Kariann went with us. A real good girl for her old Nana.

One thing that tickled me was the fact that Courtney would go to the calendar each day to point out that Sunday was the day to go to the Ice Capades for which we had tickets. So when Kariann came and stayed, she didn't go to the calendar to tell me how many days there were but did it without the calendar. It is fun to see the difference in the girls and to watch how their minds work. Courtney is bored to tears when alone but Kariann will play to make believe for hours and with a few words of encouragement, she carries things into the great beyond or so it seems. Her imagination is great and I love to see it at work.

Saturday night was dance night for Peggy and Russell and they went to Dyke Mills for a good time as usual. From the way they spoke I guess they enjoyed the evening very much.

Bryce and Barbara Yates called in for a short visit last Wednesday. We are always glad to have folks call to visit. Helps make the day shorter.

Sunday was to be the big day and as Kariann had had a bad night of sleep on Saturday, we all laid down to rest in the forenoon and she took a nice nap. Russell said he took one too but my eyes just wouldn't close for me so I just rested what I could. We left here about 12:15 or so on a matter as we were going to go to Wynona and Mike's for a late lunch before going to the Ice Capades. That is what we did and left their home about 3:15 or a little later. We wanted to get down there and find a good parking place impossible. When we got there, there was parking right across the street for a couple of dollars so we parked there. Just had to walk across the road to the show. Couldn't have been any better. It was a wonderful show with lots of color and clowning around by a few of the skaters. I have never seen Kariann sit so entranced before. She certainly enjoyed the show and so did Courtney. You could hear her giggle all over the place when the clowning fellow was on stage and not to blame either. Wish I were as limber as he seemed to be but I can't help but wonder if he doesn't get some bruises and pains from the acts he performs. It was a wonderful show and we all enjoyed it immensely.

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Nothing more to add I guess so will wish everyone a good week ahead and take care one and all.

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Development Council meets at Bethel Inn

"Marketing the Maine Advantage" is the theme of the 21st annual seminar by the Economic Development Council of Maine, scheduled for March 19-21 at the Bethel Inn & Country Club. The seminar will focus on issues confronting the State of Maine.

Registration and reception for participants will take place on Sunday evening, March 19. The first formal session will begin at 9 a.m. the following day.

Paul Fenton, international financial consultant, will keynote the program, addressing the economic outlook. Harry Foden, vice president of Arthur D. Little, Inc., Cambridge, Mass., will discuss site selection.

The morning program will be concluded by Dr. Amir A. Ismail, executive vice president, Maine Wild Blueberry Co., Machias, on "Marketing the Maine Mystique."

Monday afternoon's program kicks off with Dr. Dennis McConnell, College of Business Administration, University of Maine at Orono, who will discuss Maine's changing business climate.

Richard C. McDonald, senior vice president for marketing, Londy, Swardlick & Mackey, Portland, will speak on "Establishing a Marketing Plan," followed by Maine's Department of Economic & Community Development, Department of Labor, and Finance.

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Rotary Club notes

The Bethel Rotary Club met yesterday, March 7, at The Bethel Inn, for its weekly breakfast meeting.

The first Tuesday of each month is a club assembly, where club business is discussed.

Incoming President Bruce Powell discussed several items the board of directors had addressed at their meeting Monday afternoon. Among these were a vote for a contribution to send a local girl to Girls State. The student will be asked to tell the Rotarians about her experience at Girls State.

Rotarians have been asked to contribute to "Kitts for Trees," and a collection was taken up.

Plans were finalized for the club's pancake breakfast, this Sunday, March 12, at Gould Academy's dining hall.

Authority of Maine's presentation of an overview of new and expanded programs and services available to assist Maine communities and businesses.

The Development Council will hold its annual banquet Monday evening and present the Developer of the Year award.

On Tuesday morning, Ralph Gilbert, of Baker & MacKenzie, Attorneys, Chicago, will discuss fundamental choices for a company entering the world market. The topic, "Opportunities North of the Border: U.S./Canadian Free Trade Agreement," will be addressed by a panel consisting of John D. Morand, senior investment advisor, Canadian Consulate General Office of the Consul General, New York; Charles Colgan, state economist, Maine State Planning Office, Augusta; and Robert W. Porter, Jr., legislative assistant, office of U.S. Senator William S. Cohen, Washington, D.C.

Peggy Henderson, associate commissioner, Office of Development Policy, Maine Department of Economic & Community Development, Augusta, will conclude the program with the topic, "Maine's International Future."

The program is open to the public, and the Maine Real Estate Commission has approved seven credit hours for continuing education. Additional information may be obtained from David Cole, at the Eastern Maine Development Foundation, 949-8387, or Richard Kelso, Mid-State Economic Development Corporation, Waterville, 872-5598.

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Experts suggest ways of cooling cabin fever

Cabin Fever: A noncontagious condition, normally occurring in the winter season, resulting from being enclosed or confined. Symptoms include depression, inactivity, boredom, irritability, and restlessness. Treatment is to find a way to break down the walls of winter.

Adjusting to winter weather means being less active for most of us. Arctic cold waves and poor traveling conditions often result in staying inside and having less contact with family and friends. You either find yourself alone a lot or "cooped up" with the same family members day after day. Monotonous routines develop which, combined with the dreary weather, can be overwhelming.

In addition to isolation, winter conditions create other problems that can add emotional stress: fuel bills, frozen water pipes, and cars that won't start, to name a few. The weeks following Christmas can also be a real letdown from the pre-holiday frenzy. All of this can lead to feeling down in the dumps, like climbing the walls, blue, blah, or what is commonly called cabin fever.

Cabin fever is a mild depression that results from the way we adjust (or don't adjust) to the problems and pressures of winter. Usually a cycle starts with a decrease in activity due to winter weather. This leads to less contact with other people, resulting in a sense of isolation, which in turn creates a feeling of depression. If your response to this depressed feeling is to withdraw and do less, the cycle then continues: more isolation—more depression—more inactivity.

For some, this cycle may continue until spring arrives. But you don't need to wait for better weather to "recover" from cabin fever. The key is to do something and break those monotonous routines.

You may not be able to keep up all your regular activities, but that doesn't mean giving up all activity. Ignore that little voice that "doesn't feel like doing anything." Think of an activity that you normally like to do, and do it.

If you feel a bout of cabin fever com-

YMCA offers outdoors adventures this summer

The YMCA Camp of Maine will again offer a summer adventure program. Woods, Waters & Wheels provides backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing and bicycling trips in Maine and New Hampshire for young adults, ages 13 to 17.

Session I, June 25-July 15, is a three-week adventure featuring backpacking and rock climbing in the mountains of western Maine and canoeing on the Allagash Waterway.

Session II, July 22-Aug. 3, is two weeks in length with one week spent canoeing on Mooselookmegantic and Richardson Lakes and one week spent bicycling from Aidover to the YMCA Camp in Winthrop.

Session III, Aug. 6-19, features a two-week bicycle journey through rural Maine and New Hampshire.

For more information, contact: Nancy Vosburgh, State YMCA of Maine, P.O. Box 295, Waterville, 04901; or call 873-5381.

ing on, don't deny it. Treat it as you would the first signs of a cold and start taking better care of yourself. Taking care of yourself may include: getting regular exercise, reading a book, learning a new skill, planning a special activity, visiting a friend, volunteering to do something.

Taking care of yourself may also include setting aside time every day to do something just for yourself. Thirty minutes (or more) a day doing an activity that you like to do, but somehow never get around to doing, can be a great boost. Treat yourself!

Don't let cabin fever put you in quarantine: remember, it's not contagious. In fact, part of the cure is contact with other people.

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Article 2:
Shall the school directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 17 be authorized to construct and equip a new K-6 elementary school in the Town of Otisfield to be located on the portion of the David Hancock lot on the Northeast side of the Powhattan Road in Otisfield which the District has under contract and to construct and equip a new K-6 elementary school in the Town of Oxford to be located on a site comprised of the Richard and Dale Hall and Gretta Clifford lots and a portion of an adjacent lot owned by the Town of Oxford on the northerly side of Pleasant Street in the Town of Oxford which the District has under contract and to acquire such easements as the school directors determine to be necessary in connection with such project with the total project cost not to exceed Seven Million Eight Hundred Thirty-eight Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$7,838,430.) and to issue bonds or notes in the name of this District for school construction purposes in an amount not to exceed Seven Million Seven Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$7,798,430) and, for the balance of the cost of the project, to accept a transfer of funds from the Town of Otisfield in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) on the condition that such funds be applied toward the cost of purchasing the site of the proposed K-6 elementary school in Otisfield?

YES **NO**
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a. The entire additional operating costs of the new project during the first (2) years shall be borne by revenues raised by this District.

b. The estimated additional operating costs of the new project during each of the first two years is NONE.

c. The school administrative unit shall be responsible for the local share of debt service allocation to be calculated in accordance with state law. In this case, however, the State Board of Education has approved Seven Million Five Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$7,532,430) in project costs for purposes of calculating the District's debt service allocation. The remaining Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$266,000) in project costs to be funded by the issuance of bonds or notes will not be eligible for state subsidy and the debt service on those bonds or notes will have to be paid entirely from local revenues of the District.

d. As part of the school construction project proposed in this article, the existing Otisfield Primary School in Otisfield and the Perkins-Peaco Upper Elementary School, the Perkins-Peaco Lower Elementary School, and the Perkins-Peaco "cafeteria building" in Oxford and the Emogene Staples School in the Welchville area of Oxford will be replaced.

EBS/CPS Kids' World

By DONNA A. RICHARD

Ms. Patch, of the Focus program, has chosen the following students' artwork to be sent to the Maine Student Art Program. CPS: Candl Smith, Grayson Wakefield, Jenny Buck, Freeman Coriveau, Harmony Mills, David Buck, Ben Fogg, Alex Gillies, and MaryJo Reed. EBS: Heather Best, Anna Sysko, and Miranda Provencier.

This is a state-wide art competition sponsored by the Bangor Daily News. The students could be chosen to participate in a major exhibition of student work at the Bangor Mall. Congratulations and good luck to the students.

The 3rd grade students are becoming involved in a very worthwhile nine-year project called "Kids for Trees." They plan on planting Christmas trees, then caring for them over the years and cutting them to sell when they are seniors in high school. They will then use the proceeds from their sale to support their "Project Graduation" celebration.

They currently need to raise money to start the project. They plan on selling pencils in classrooms. Any donations to help with this worthwhile endeavor would be appreciated. Checks can be made out to: SAD #4 Tree Project, c/o Shirley A. Merrill, Crescent Park School, Box 210, Bethel, 04217.

The "Rug Rat" Ski Program recently came to an end with an afternoon of skiing followed by a final celebration at Gould Academy for the skiers and their families. Over 90 students participated in the program this year, and thanks to Bonnama Putters every participant received an award. Many thanks to Steve Blake for coordinating this exciting program and to Marguerite Graham for her capable help.

A special thank-you to Jean Boelsma who visited Mrs. Coolidge's 2nd grade class and helped the students make butter. They had lots of fun watching the cream change into butter. The best part was eating the delicious butter on crackers.

Ms. Merrill's 3rd grade class enjoyed their VIP volunteer, Althea Stevens, showing them how she spins the fur from her Angora rabbits. Mrs. Stevens was able to bring her rabbit, Whitney, and her spinning wheel to the classroom. Students were able to pat Whitney and each student was given a sample of rabbit fur. Thanks to Mrs. Stevens for the enriching experience.

Bethel Elementary Guidance Counselor Lynn Boschetti was recently a co-presenter at the Maine State Guidance Counselors Association's training on crisis intervention teams.

Kindergarten teacher Norma Salway and parent volunteer Marguerite Graham will be presenting workshops at the Maine Event, in Windham. Their presentation is called "Classrooms Come Alive" and will deal with integrating whole language in classroom activities.

West Paris

By MIRIAM INMAN

Forward Fellowship met at the home of Virginia Hyman on Monday evening with 13 members present and one guest. A potluck supper preceded the meeting with a birthday cake for the guest, Phil Hyman. Plans were made for the Easter Breakfast and the committee are: Purchasing supplies, Eleanor Inman; Kitchen, Cynthia Lamb, Audrey Hadley and Debra Chase; Setting tables, Beryl Bonney and Martha Day; Dining Room, Judy McLaughlin and Peg Perham; Cleanup, Beverly Stevens and Joyce Latham and volunteers. The next meeting will be March 27, at Beverly Stevens' home, with a potluck supper and Pokeno. A silent auction was held after the meeting.

Lena Mustonen returned on Tuesday after spending the last 10 days with her granddaughter, Deborah Youd and family, on Cape Cod in Wareham, Mass.

Mary Bessey, Livermore Falls, has been visiting several days with her sister and family, Anna and Ivan Proctor, and Ivan, Jr.

I think the following news item will be of interest to area readers. Dennis McVillie, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Proctor and son of Owen and Donna (Proctor) Melville, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Woodland High School on December 21, 1988. It was a nice Christmas present! Congratulations, Dennis!

The Annual Meeting of Granite Chapter #115, O.E.S. will be held on March 9. There will be a supper at 6 p.m. The Eleanor B. Forbes Goodwill group will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at the home of Lavie Coffin. She will be assisted by Lette Brooks. There will be a Brown Bag lunch.

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INSTRUCTORS IN GOULD ACADEMY'S RUG RAT PROGRAM were thanked last week for their contribution towards helping local youngsters to learn to ski. Each was given a ski jacket and a medalion (courtesy of Bonnama Putters). The program taught 95 Crescent Park School students how to ski. Thanks were also given to Les Otten, owner of Sunday River Ski Resort, for aiding the program. The young instructors (and their supervisors) are, left

to right, front row: Steve Blake (director), Brenna Simpson, Vanessa Lira-Crabtree, Ben Anderson, Holly Hammond, Adhala Jackson, Zac Cook, Chris Drake, Amanda Wight, Laurie Pray; back row: Matt Karatz, Mike Michaud, Betsy Hopkins, Robin Rau, Wendy Hawkes, Andrew Spofford, Gretchen Green, Julia Johnson, Marguerite Graham (assistant director).

So. Woodstock

By OLIVE R. DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Hathaway entertained their daughter, Jane Niro, and two children the past week.

I would like to thank all the kind folks who have sent me get well cards and also the Valentines for their Valentine box. I received and also to Carl and Lettie for doing my job at Franklin Grange in my absence and for all the running around for me and with custards, etc, etc, too much to mention. Bless you all and may you all keep well.

Esther Davis is staying with me and watching on me. She sure is an angel in disguise.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrews, Roger Benson, and Lloyd Merrill called on me this week. Lloyd is thinking about the maple sap season. It's getting that time again. We hope it will be a good season for syrup. We have had three poor years. Get your orders ready early so you can be sure of your supply.

We had six grey squirrels at bird tray and one chipmunk besides all the birds. They are certainly a hungry bunch.

Florence Benson returned from the hospital a week ago. She fell and broke her hip this winter and is recuperating at home now. I'm sure she would appreciate cards now to know someone is thinking about her.

Vacation is over and schools are in full swing again. Silas Cash was unable to attend as he has the flu. Do hope it won't last too long for the little fellow.

Mrs. Karen Fortier of Bethel, received the honor of being on the President's List. She is a senior at Plymouth State College and is taking an accountant's course. Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Hathaway.

News from

Woodstock School

Each year the Woodstock Parent Teachers Organization has created and sponsored events for Woodstock School children, as well as other members of our local community. Many of these events have become area traditions, such as very successful Halloween parties and winter carnivals.

Additionally, the W.P.T.O. helps with academic support for children, parents, and teachers of the Woodstock School. Our sole source of funding for these activities is through community support and donations.

This year we are sponsoring an auction at the Woodstock School on Sunday, April 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. In an effort to make this auction a big success, we are soliciting support from area businesses through donations of services, products or gift certificates. In addition, we shall be asking the general public for donations of quality items.

During the auction, each business that donates an item will receive appropriate recognition from the auctioneer. If you wish to include a 3x5 card with a description of your business, we shall be certain to incorporate those descriptions into the auction.

Jim Horowitz
W.P.T.O. President

4-H seeks to use drama to reach out to teenagers

4-H in Oxford County is initiating a program based on Cumberland County's 4-H "Reaching Out For Teen Awareness."

The performing arts are used as the medium for this peer education program. The basic goal of the program is to use drama as a vehicle to present and discuss teen issues with other teens, parents, and the community. The Cumberland County 4-H program has been running a full year of successful programs, including a television series on WPXT-TV's "One of a Kind" show.

The teen group develops material dealing with peer pressure, drug use, relationships, human sexuality, teen suicide, stress, etc. The next step is to present the created performance to an audience without giving a conclusion to the scene. Discussion with the audience follows the performance. Possible conclusions to the scene are discussed.

The program provides a forum to discuss and understand important teen issues, to learn interactive theater through the performing arts and will help to foster self-esteem and decision-making. The key is to promote an understanding of growing up today and learning alternative answers to tough situations.

If you're interested in theatre, and if you want to make a difference in the lives of teens, call Susan Jennings, at the Extension Office, at 743-4329; or come to the first meeting on Monday, March 13, at 7 p.m., at the Extension Office, South Paris. This initial meeting will include sample videotapes from the Cumberland 4-H group and discussions about program possibilities for Oxford County.

EVENING SERVICES ENDING

Sunday evening services of worship at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel will end with the service on March 19. The church has offered these meetings since December, hoping to meet the needs of some persons who could not attend on Sunday mornings. The pastors would be glad to hear from anyone about the helpfulness of this experiment.

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Upton

By ARLINE BERNIER

The cancer research has appointed me to collect donations for this area. It would be helpful if folks would get theirs to me in a way convenient to them, perhaps at town meeting. This needs to be turned in during the latter part of April.

A dog belonging to Fran Davis was the victim of an apparent accident on Route 26. Some folks moved the body and notified Mr. Davis.

Andy Aron Jr. has a job at Andover Wood Products.

Eddie Bennett was a Sunday afternoon guest at Heritage Farm.

Frank Levesque of Tewksbury, Mass., spent a couple of days with his brother-in-law, Ray Bernier and Violette.

Water is essential even to the point of going over the border into New Hampshire to fill our jugs. Maybe some of it originates from Maine springs, so won't be too harmful. Tastes mighty good anyway.

Childbirth classes offered at health center

The spring series of childbirth preparation classes at the Bethel Area Health Center will begin Tuesday, April 11. Classes will meet every Tuesday night for eight weeks, from 7 to 9 p.m. These classes will help prepare couples for labor, birth, and parenting through a focus on a healthy pregnancy, relaxation and breathing techniques, physical and emotional aspects of birth, breastfeeding, and newborn and new parent care.

Classes will be taught by Kathy Sutton, R.N.
The fee is \$35 per couple, unless other arrangements are made. To register, call the health center, at 824-2153. Call Mary Taylor, at 824-2069, for further information.

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Bethel Rotary serves pancake breakfast

March 12, at Gould

The Bethel Rotary Club's pancake breakfast will be served Sunday, March 12, at the Gould Academy dining hall. The breakfast will be offered from 8 to 11 a.m. at a price of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. The funds raised will be used for the club's various community service programs.

The breakfast menu features pancakes with maple syrup, link sausage, scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes, toast, orange juice, coffee, tea or milk, fresh fruit and corn or bran muffins.

Tickets are available in advance from Rotary Club members, or they can be purchased at the door.

NOTES FROM

Telstar Guidance

The guidance office extends congratulations to several seniors on their college acceptances: Alison Davis, daughter of Theodore and Linda Davis, Bethel, University of Southern Maine, college of arts and sciences; John Elliot, son of John and Cheryl Elliot, Bethel, University of Southern Maine, business management; Jeff Lyon, son of Herbert Lyon, Bethel, and Arlene Lyon, Massachusetts, Unity College, conservation law enforcement; James Merrill, son of Emerson and Loretta Merrill, Bethel, Unity College, environmental science; Brant Remington, son of Robert and Anita Remington, Bethel, Castleton State College, physical education; Janina Remington, the daughter of Thelma Remington, Bethel, Lyndon State College, small business management and entrepreneurship.

Also, Rick Roy, son of Richard and Ann Roy, Locke Mills, United States Air Force, administration; Jamie Blake, son of Robert and Cindy Blake, Bethel, partial four-year Air Force R.O.T.C. scholarship, aerospace engineering; Paula Michaud, daughter of Gerard and Judith Michaud, East Andover, full four-year Navy R.O.T.C. scholarship, electrical engineering.

Guidance program highlights for this week: 8th Grade '89-'90 scheduling orientations, March 7 and 8; junior and senior Career Week conferences with advisors, March 9; National Honor Society attends state convention in Orono, March 10.

East Stoneham

By GLADYS KILGORE

Minnehaha Temple #53 met Sunday afternoon at the K. of P. Hall for installation of officers for the coming year. The installing staff was Grand Chief, Marjorie Messenger, assisted by Virginia Elugas, Grand Senior, and Pearl Mitchell as Grand Manager. The following officers were installed. Most Ex. Chief, Eloise Vail; Ex. Senior, Betty Morrison; Ex. Junior, Violet Doughty; Manager, Shirley Raute; Sec. Phyllis Millitt; Treas., Arlene Merrill; Pro. Becky Haislet; Guard, Mary Saunders; Musician, Dora Lawrence. This was followed by refreshments and a social hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bryan and daughter of Lovell visited his aunt, Grace Nelson, one evening.
Mrs. Violet Doughty of Norway called on friends here Sunday.

Happy Belated Birthday Leigh!

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RICHARDSON HOLLOW ARTISTS—Andy Derstine and Donna Lacey-Derstine, of Richardson Hollow Road in Greenwood, create fine country furniture and paintings. Their work, all of which is handcrafted, can be seen at Bethel European influenced paintings of early America—such as tavern and trade signs, primitives, old Santas and rural scenes. Andy handcrafts one-of-a-kind country furniture pieces, such as cupboards, drysinks and tables. The couple, who are originally from eastern Pennsylvania, moved to Greenwood three years ago after a stay on Peak's Island.

Songo Pond

By ALICE KIMBALL

Mrs. Connie Hindman spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Bob York in Vermont.

Herbert Barker of South Paris was calling on relatives here Tuesday.

Tuesday evening Mrs. Christine Kimball attended the Boy Scout banquet in Otsfield where two great-grandsons are members.

Congratulations Mike Newell. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Margaret Durrell and Mrs. Margaret Dunham, of Norway, visited Mrs. Phyllis Bancroft Wednesday. They also all visited Mrs. Grace Morrill in West Bethel.

Tom Parsons arrived home Thursday night after spending some time with friends in Georgia and Florida.

Mrs. Susie Wheeler, who lives in Florida, was called here by the serious illness of her mother, a patient at Ledgeview Nursing Home. Mrs. Wheeler visited with Mrs. Christine Kimball a few days this week.

A cement floor was poured this week in the basement of Christine's new home. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons were in Norway Friday.

The reason people blame things on previous generations is that there's only one other choice.—Doug Larson

North Paris

By DORIS C. LAWRENCE

Saturday, Feb. 24, the big storm missed us, but we have had beautiful weather since. A little on the cool side.

Sunday, Feb. 25, the Lawrences visited Stevie Millett, Greenwood City, who came home Saturday after having surgery at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Belvedere (the dog) sure was glad to have him home.

Monday, Feb. 27, we started the week off right; called on niece, Richard and Barbara Felt, went to Zayre's, ate lunch at Ma's Restaurant, visited niece, Norman and Arlene Abbott.

Mrs. Charlotte Brett is home after having surgery at Stephens Memorial Hospital. I took her a fruit basket.

Harlan Abbott is gaining but still can't bear any weight on his foot yet.

Tuesday, Feb. 28, Arlene Abbott and Jo-Anne called, then we visited Sherry Thayer and Jason. He is so busy.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lyons have had for company her parents from Massachusetts, Susan's cousin and husband from New Hampshire.

Callers at the Lawrence's have been Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott, Odell Heath.

Truth Gibbs is gaining slowly at home and her husband, George, is better. He went to the doctor today, Friday. Hopefully he will find him much better.

Postal Service seeks new spot for Newry P.O.

Terry Brooks, of the U.S. Postal Service, approached the Newry Board of Selectmen yesterday (Tuesday) concerning leasing a portion of the municipal building for the Newry Post Office. The post office is presently at the Bear River Cabins. The lease expires in November. The selectmen learned that extensive renovations would have to be made to accommodate the post office.

Fire Chief Virgil Knight brought in a list of equipment the fire department requires. Town Meeting would have to approve any expenditures.

The board hopes to make committee appointments next week. There are three vacancies on the Planning Board and four on the Appeals Board. Anyone desiring to fill one of these positions should contact a selectman.

West Paris to host discussion on '87 flood

On Wednesday, March 15, the West Paris Emergency Management Agency will present a flood awareness program entitled "The Flood of '87—Could it Happen Again?" at the West Paris Fire Station at 7 p.m. Footage of the outcome of the "April Fool's Day Flood" will be shown.

Ken Whitman, Oxford County Emergency Management Coordinator, will speak on how the agency functions at the county level and how it assists the towns in the county. Ken Bacon, West Paris local coordinator, will discuss what the agency does at the local level and the different phases which emergency planning must go through.

A review of the damage and response to the incident will be given as well as what might be done to minimize the effects should it occur again. The availability of insurance to protect against the damage floodwaters can cause will also be presented.

All are welcome, and those that suffered the effects from the '87 disaster are especially encouraged to attend and participate. Refreshments will be served at the close of the program.

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Highway death toll up

The state Bureau of Highway Safety reports that 21 people died on Maine's highways in January, an increase of seven over last year.

According to Richard Perkins, director of the Bureau of Highway Safety, weather played a significant role. "We had eight fatalities that occurred during inclement weather," he said. "Motorists should use extra caution when rain or snow is falling because your chances of being involved in a crash increase dramatically. Even if roads appear to be clear they may be covered with a thin layer of ice." He advised that if you must drive, reduce your speed substantially, allow extra stopping time, and drive defensively.

The report went on to point out that three of the victims were pedestrians and only two of the 18 people who died in passenger vehicles were wearing safety belts.

"Nothing we can do will bring back these people but perhaps others can learn from such tragedies and buckle up. Safety belts have proven to be 90 percent effective in preventing death," Mr. Perkins said.

Through a 10-year-old's eyes

By ALEX GILLIES

I had a great vacation! It's good to be back, though. I got back at 2 in the morning. My cat and parakeet were waiting for me. Actually the cats were outside so they were waiting for anyone to let them in. I don't think they even recognized us. But now, three days later, they're back to normal—you feed me, I'll purr for you. Oh well.

What could the definition of perfect be for you? If mine was in a dictionary I would have to have two paragraphs. Number 1 would be that I would be sitting in a beach chair with the blue green ocean lapping at my feet, behind me would be the biggest buffet in the world. Half of it would be devoted to dessert.

Number 2, I would have to be in Utah. I'd be staying at the Snowbird skiing resort. After a great day of skiing, I'd come home to my condo and have a lobster dinner. (Don't ask me how to get lobster to Utah—there aren't any problems like that in fantasies).

Well they're only dreams. Perfect dreams. I could have a million more definitions in a couple of days. As I said they're only fantasies and dreams. Too bad!

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Newry

By AMY HANSOM

Frances Lane has returned to her home in North Edgcomb, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wight.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wight recently entertained Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wight, Jennifer and Jason, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lucien and Becky, Old Town; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Brown and daughter of Hingham, Mass.; and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Littlefield, Brooks, who were here to attend the Stephens-Hoyt wedding, Saturday, Feb. 18, in Bryant Pond. The bride is the niece of Mrs. Stephen Wight. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wight and Miss Gretchen Wight also attended this wedding.

Karlene Bachelder, Betsy Clark, Beatrice Lowell, Gilbert Seelye and Eleanor Davis were at Oxford Lanes, Rumford, bowling March 1. Betsy and Karlene tied for single Betsy was high on triple, beating Karlene by two points. The Mothers Club will meet at the Municipal Building March 13, at 7:30 p.m. Nancy Wight, Eleanor Davis and Betsy Clark will serve on the refreshment committee.

Peter Sawyer of Lewiston and Walter Sawyer of Auburn visited Roger and Amy Hansom, Thursday.

Health Council holds awards dinner March 14

The Northern Oxford Health and Service Council has announced the recipients of the three awards to be presented at its annual meeting on March 14.

The recipient of the Janet Stowell Volunteer-of-the-Year Award will be Deanne Craig. This award is presented to a Bethel area person who has done outstanding community service.

The Medical Award will be presented to Arlene Greenleaf. This award is presented to a person serving the community in a medically related capacity.

Council President Elvise Thibodeau will also present the President's Award. The person receiving this award will be announced at the meeting. It is presented to someone from within the organization who has served the organization in an exceptional manner.

Tickets are available and all are welcome to attend. The turkey dinner and awards ceremony is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Additional information, or reservations, are available by calling the Health Center, at 824-2193.

This year's annual meeting marks the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Bethel Area Health Center.

SENIOR CITIZEN MENUS

Monday, March 13: Sweet and sour turkey on rice, broccoli, corn bread, applesauce.

Tuesday, March 14: Meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, bread, orange wedges.

Thursday, March 16: Chicken Jegg, whipped potatoes, spinach, biscuit, honey apples.

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to all my friends and neighbors for the happiness you gave me on my 90th birthday with cards, calls, gifts and luncheon invitations.

May the richest blessings from the one above be your portion.

Vivian Barlow East Andover

Western Maine Family Practice

23 Winter St., Norway

Drs. Mingle and Hazelton are pleased to announce that on March 8, 1989 Dr. Hazelton will be joining Western Maine Family Practice to help provide pediatric, young adult and pregnancy care. Of greatest immediate importance, we will be sharing an obstetrical practice and expect together to be able to meet the demand for local obstetrical services created by the closure of Dr. Hazelton's private practice and the departures of Drs. Williams and Swanbeck.

Western Maine Family Practice is now accepting new obstetrical patients.

Call 743-9292.

Newry Planning Board gets look at new 47-lot subdivision at skiway

The Newry Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, March 1. The first order of business was the signing of a plat plan for the Riverwood subdivision, as presented by Roger Wheeler of MCW Corp. This approval was made with conditions at the February meeting. In the near future the board will vote on a waiver request by MCW, which, if granted, would allow the corporation's roads have been completed, as required by Newry's subdivision ordinance. MCW must produce an irrevocable letter of credit, payable to the Town, for 150 percent of the estimated road construction cost as part of their waiver request.

Sunday River Ski Resort presented an application for a 47-lot residential subdivision called Snow Village Estates. This development is planned to be located adjacent to Sunday River Village and will have a centrally located recreation area with a snowmaking storage pond. Part of this project is intended to provide affordable land for ski area employees. Details of the roadwork planned to accomplish this affordability were not revealed.

The board determined that the application as presented was not complete. Some of the items found lacking were complete notification of abutting landowners, statement from the Newry Fire Chief, and plan details such as road bearings and R.O.W.s to three lots without soil test information showing which lots are capable of sub-surface waste disposal and which lots must be tied in with the treatment plant.

The last item on the agenda was a board discussion of cluster housing. The need to permit this type of development as an alternative to traditional large lot subdivisions was voiced by many members. The concept would allow residential buildings to be closely spaced on smaller lots with large open areas around them that will be kept undeveloped. Overall density requirements would not change but the amount of roads, wells, septic systems, and utility lines would be greatly reduced. If a satisfactory way can be found to guarantee that the open land will remain open, this type of development would have less impact on town services than current residential proposals.

It was decided to work closely with Haskell Associates on cluster housing as part of the General Development Ordinance. The Planning Board hopes to develop Haskell Associates is the Town's consultant on drafting development ordinances.

The next meeting of the Newry Planning Board will be at the Newry Town Office on April 11 at 7 p.m. Agenda items include Sunday River Ski Resort's "Snow Village Estates" application, MCW's waiver request and letter of credit, Don Sandstrom's three-unit subdivision application, Steve Wight's subdivision application submission, and possible discussion of progress on the work of Haskell Associates.

CASCO NORTHERN HELPS ARC

The American Red Cross last week announced the receipt of a major cash contribution from Casco Northern Bank, in the amount of \$5,000.

A generous donation from Casco Northern Bank is meant to serve as the seed money to replenish our depleted disaster fund. The recent major fires in Lewiston have literally left us financially unprepared for future disasters," explained Fred Stubbliet, chairman of the Board of Directors for the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The money has been placed in a special "seed money" account.

"Casco Northern Bank recognizes the need to assist the American Red Cross in helping victims of future disasters," said Roy Willis, regional vice president of the bank. "We are asking other area businesses to also recognize this need by adding their contribution to the fund." Contributions may be made at any Casco Northern office in the Tri-County Area.

State offers fish for sale

The Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District will again this year be holding a trout sale for pond stocking. Rainbow trout available range in size from 4 to 5" to 6 to 7". Brook trout range in size 3 to 4" to 5 to 6". Landlock salmon are also available in sizes 4 to 5" and 5 to 6" and are available at Brook trout prices.

All orders are prepared in individual containers, generally 100 fish in each 50 each for larger fish. Minimum order is 50 fish.

Interested persons are encouraged to contact Edwin F. Russell, District office manager, at Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District, Main Street, So. Paris; or call, 743-7019.

Religious Services

St. Catherine of Siena
29 Paris St., Norway
Rev. Albert E. Dolpits
Anticipated Mass, Saturday, 4:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Sunday Masses, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Meeting first Sunday of each month; worship at 4 p.m.; business meeting 2 p.m.; every other Sunday, meeting for worship 9:30 a.m., at Key Bank (Community Room), Norway. Contact Mary Taylor, 824-2063.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God
Coldwater Brook Road, Oxford
Pastor Guy Davies, 749-2559
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday at 7 p.m., Bible study.

Newry Community Church
Newry, Maine
Rodney Hanscom, Pastor
Newry Hanscom, Organist
Sunday Morning Worship, 9 a.m. with special service for children.

Woodstock
Seventh Day Adventist Church
Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock
Pastor Earl Mould
Phone: 674-3801 (home), 674-3232 (church)

Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Prayer Circle, 1 p.m. (please call in any prayer requests you may have)

Prayer Meeting, 6:45 p.m. (children's program provided)
Fellowship Club Meeting, 6 p.m. (ages 18 and up)

North Paris Federated Church
Rev. Jonathan Haslett, Pastor

Sunday, 10 a.m. Family Sunday School.
10:45 a.m. Praise Service.
6 p.m. Evening Service.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study at the home of Ruth and Harry Perkins; John Collins, teacher.
Thursday, 1 p.m. Hour of Power Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

Church of the Open Door
Pastor Eddie Cannon
685-2021

Sunday Service, 10 a.m.
Wednesday: Prayer, Praise and Bible Study, 7 p.m.
A fundamentalist, Bible-believing ministry, meeting at the residence of Bud and Frances Cushing, Rte. 222.

Pleasant Valley Bible Church
Dr. Kenneth E. Weldon, Pastor
688-2228

Sunday School, 9 a.m. Ages 2 to adult.
Morning worship, 10 a.m. Nursery for children ages 3 through Grade 2.

Prayer and Bible study, 6:30.
Friday, 10 a.m. Grades K-2, 9:30-10:30.
Grades 3-6, 10:30-11:30.

For immediate information or rides to church activities, please call the church, or the parsonage, 688-2028.

Rumford World Outreach
Pastor Bob Colby
328 York St., Rumford
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Sunday, 10 a.m. Sunday School (Sunday School bus)
10 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesday, 7 p.m. Evening Service
Friday, 7 p.m. Rumford Christian Academy, K-12; Grace Bible School

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Parish Day Wednesday

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Mrs. Rodney Kimball, Custodian
Morning worship and Church School, 9:15 a.m.
Nursery provided for pre-school children.
Chapel Aid, second Wednesday evening at 7:30.

West Paris Baptist Church
Rev. Jonathan Haslett, Pastor
Tel. 674-2929

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Worship service.
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (nursery care for pre-schoolers during worship).
6:30 p.m. Joint service at the North Paris Federated Church.

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Bible study.
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Choir.

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Obituaries

FREEMAN A. STEVENS

Freeman A. Stevens, 70, of South Paris, died March 5, 1989 at Maine Medical Center in Portland, where he had been a patient for the past three weeks.

He was born in Woodstock, June 2, 1918, the son of Joseph and Hazel Flint Stevens. He had attended Woodstock schools and was a woodsman and logger for all of his life. He had retired from the P.H. Chadbourne Co. in 1983. Mr. Stevens was married in Ashland on April 11, 1959 to Marion Bird, and they had lived at Pine Street, South Paris. He was a member of the Floyd Harlow Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in South Paris.

He is survived by his wife; four daughters, Mrs. Andre (Betty) Lebrun of Sabattus, Sherry Stevens of Auburn, Mrs. Dana (Sally) Frost of South Paris, and Annette Stevens of South Paris; two sons, Norris Stevens of Lewiston, and Michael Stevens of South Paris; a sister, Mrs. Ronald (Helen) Trimm of Oxford; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were scheduled for today (Wednesday), at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, in Norway, at 2 p.m. Interment will be in the spring.

Births

Martin and Lauren Hinkle, of Newry, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Brittany Paige Hinkle, born on Feb. 27, at 11:04 a.m., at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Levy, of Greensburg, Pa. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Zola Hinkle, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Paul and Lisa Pivin, of Bethel, announce the birth of a daughter, Andrea Lynn, born Feb. 28, 2:20 a.m., at Androscoggin Valley Hospital, in Berlin, N.H., weighing 8 lbs. 6.8 oz.

Maternal grandparents are George and Linda Westleigh, of Bethel. Paternal grandparents are Norman Pivin, of Berlin, and Jeanne Grieco, of Mangate, Fla. Maternal great-grandmother is Frances Bennett, of Bethel.

Community Calendar

Thursday, March 9: Annual meeting Granite Chapter #15 O.E.S.; supper at 5 p.m.

Farmers' market meeting, Telstar, Room 106, 7 p.m.; interested persons are invited to attend.

Friday, March 10: Schooner Fare concert at the Eagles' Hall on Oxford Avenue, Rumford, sponsored by students visiting Russia; tickets available at Prim's.

Saturday, March 11: Greenwood Town Meeting, 10 a.m., Town Hall.

Ham Supper, at Andover Congregational Church, 5:30 p.m.; \$4 adults, \$2 children.

Public Old Fashioned Dance, music by the Richard Felt Orchestra, at the Oxford Grange Hall, Rte. 26, Welchville, 8 p.m.-midnight, \$3.

Sunday, March 12: Pancake breakfast, sponsored by Bethel Rotary, at Gould Academy dining hall, 8-11 a.m.; \$4 adults, \$2 children under 12.

Installation of new members in Telstar chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, at Telstar, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 13: Newry Mothers' Club meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Judith Grover Tent #17 meeting at the Grange Hall. Silent auction will be held.

Tuesday, March 14: Eleanor B. Forbes Goodwill group meeting at the home of Louvie Coffin, with brown bag lunch.

Public forum on "Management Challenges Facing the Tourism Industry," sponsored by AVCOG, at the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce, 7-8:30 p.m.

Northern Oxford Health and Service Council meeting and awards ceremony, Congregational Church, 5:30 p.m. Call 824-2153 for reservations.

Wednesday, March 15: West Paris

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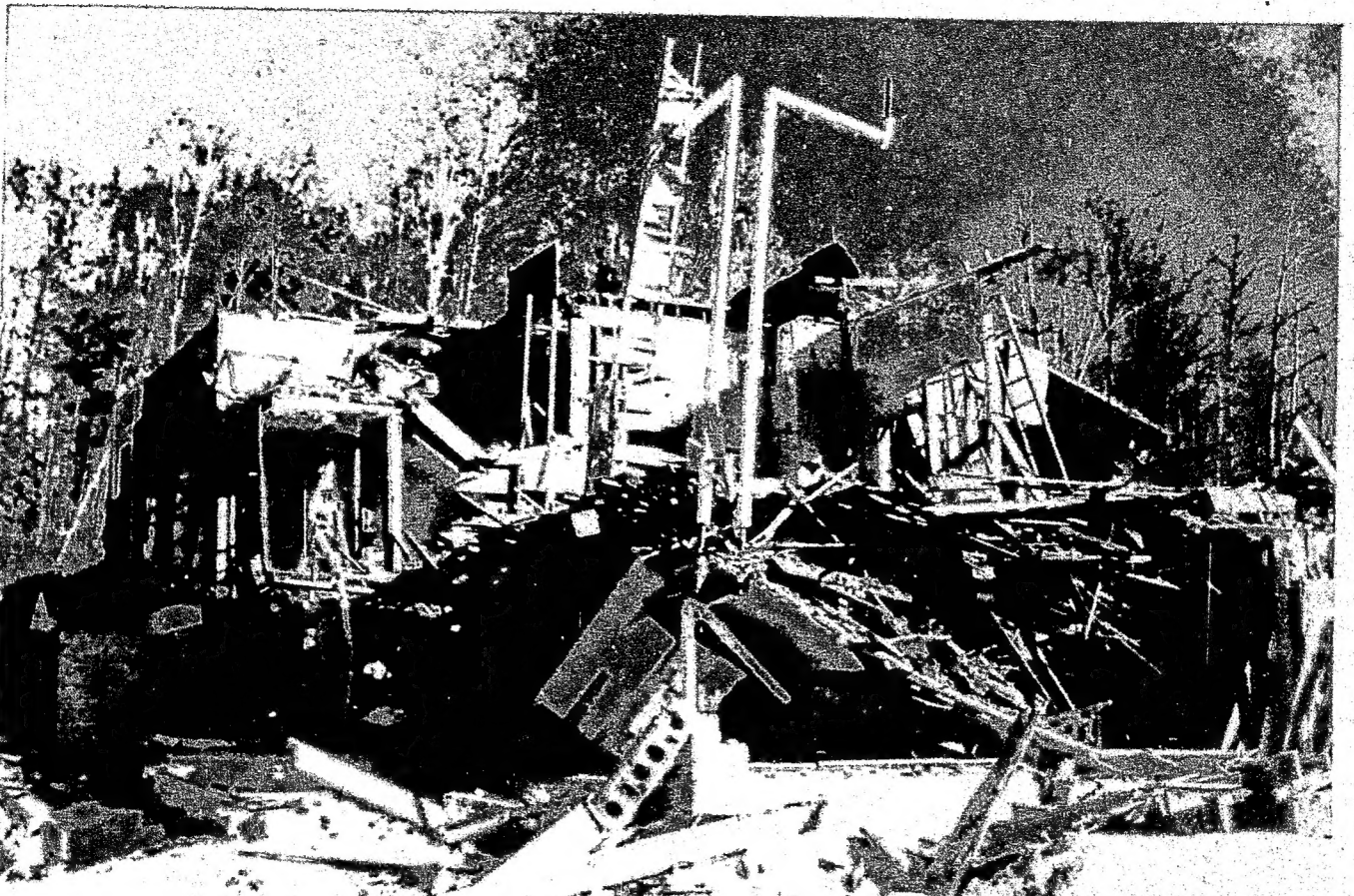
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A SHELL OF ITS FORMER SELF—A few forlorn pipes and obstinate walls were all that remained of the former Woodstock School last week. But its cupola and many other relics of its structure and fittings have gone on to other homes and businesses in the area. At Town Meeting this month, Woodstock voters will decide what to do with the school's old bell. That debate will no doubt be nearly as hot as the fire that followed the day after this photo was taken. (Photo by Michael Daniels)



UP IN SMOKE—Under the close supervision of the Woodstock Fire Department, the former Woodstock School was put to the torch Saturday morning. The old school burned for hours and the mushroom cloud smoke from the fire could be seen for many miles. The site where the school was located will be used—assuming Town Meeting approves—for a new garage for the highway department and, apply, the fire department.

Emergency Management Agency meeting, with program on the flood of '87, at West Paris fire station, 7 p.m. Public welcome.

Thursday, March 16: Jackson-Silver Post annual birthday supper, at the Legion Hall, 6 p.m.

Mt. Abram Fish & Game meeting, at the Bethel Methodist Church, 6 p.m., for a potluck supper.

Andover Library Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841. Story hour each Tuesday afternoon, from 3 to 4 (pre-school to Grade 2).

Bethel Library Hours: Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m., 6-8 p.m.; Thursday, 1-5 p.m., pre-school story hour, 10-11 a.m.; Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Betsy Raymond, Librarian.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond, Tel. 655-2505. Library hours: Tuesday and Friday, 1-5 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill, Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10-4; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9. Telephone: 743-3900.

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Selectmen

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a regional transfer station at the Bethel landfill.

The selectmen said they would expect that if they permitted CWS to construct a regional transfer station on town property, the company would give preferential rates for hauling away Bethel's trash. The selectmen said it would be up to CWS to strike deals with other neighboring towns to get them to use the projected transfer station. [Currently West Paris and Greenwood/Woodstock pay to have their trash hauled to Norridgewock. It should cost them less to haul to CWS containers in Bethel if the projected transfer station becomes reality. Newry, Hanover, and Andover are also seeking places to take their solid waste.]

In other business, in response to a letter from Louise Newton, the selectmen decided to place an article on the Town Meeting warrant to see what action voters want to take concerning the name of the local airport. Mrs. Newton suggested the name be changed from Col. Dyke Field to Bethel Airport.

Board Chairman Jodrey said a name change might be in order. "I think if any name is attached to it it should be the Davises [who donated the land]."

Selectman Arthur Gilbert said it might be appropriate to name it after a World War II pilot who was lost in the war, rather than after a pilot who died in a peacetime accident.

Selectman Peter Haines said, "There are people around who have done more for flying [in the Bethel area] than Col. Dyke did." But, he said, "I'd just as soon see any name left off of it, except Bethel Airport."

The vote to place the matter on the warrant so that Town Meeting would decide the issue was 4-0. (Selectwoman Pat Doen was absent.)

In other business, the selectmen decided to send the findings of their recent streetlight survey to Central Maine Power, along with recommendations. The selectmen have recommended a number of streetlights be moved from areas that have a lot of them to areas that have few or none of them.

In other CMP matters, the selectmen reversed a decision made a few weeks ago and gave the utility permission to put a guywire on the Common in order to support a power pole at the corner of Main and Broad streets. CMP officials, told the selectmen that they were upgrading the lines on the poles and the

MT. ABRAM FISH & GAME MEETS

Mt. Abram Fish and Game will meet March 16, at the Bethel Methodist Church for a 6 p.m. potluck supper, followed by the business meeting and a program by Steve Wight, president of Friends of the Androscoggin, who will speak on that group's activities.

heavier, heavier lines would need additional support from guy wires.

The selectmen also gave permission to install a guy wire for a pole on lower Main Street, near Dan Cousins' house.

The selectmen enacted, 3-0-1, a revised General Assistance Ordinance. Prepared by the Maine Municipal Association, the ordinance is being put into general state-wide use. Selectman Haines abstained from voting as the complete ordinance had not been furnished to the selectmen. Due to a copying error, only the odd-numbered pages were included in the selectmen's packets.

The selectmen appointed an Airport Negotiations Committee to deal with the eight landowners from whom town officials want land or avigational easements. The committee will consist of Jim Hudson, John Head, the town manager and the town council.

The selectmen granted \$200 to the Noise Committee to pay for consulting services with a noise measurement and control expert in Boston.

The board voted, 4-0, to endorse a resolution circulated by the MMA to drum up support for property tax reform. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the MMA's lobbying effort should contact the town office.

The selectmen went into a closed door session to discuss the salary of the town manager.

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